

DUKE TOURS R.A.F. & U.S. AIR STATIONS

20 The A.O.C., Fighter Command, Air Marshal Boile, greeted  
the Duke of Edinburgh when he visited the Royal Canadian  
Air Force Station at Luffenham. The Canadian airmen  
mounted a very smart guard of honour. His Royal Highness  
was in the uniform of Marshal of the Royal Air Force  
and was making a tour of air stations. Lined up here were  
Sabre jets, fighter planes of the type which fought well  
40 in Korea. Their pilots proceeded to show their paces,  
executing a slow roll in formation.

3 At the R.A.F. fighter station, Wattisham, the Duke  
saw Meteors in action.

At Brize Norton air station Americans showed the royal  
visitor some impressive bombers. General Selsir pointed  
out the giant B-36, which has 6 piston engines and 2  
jet pods and is far and away the largest operational  
aircraft in production.

(pan) Very long range is given the B-36 by its enormous  
power. The B-50, rubbing along with merely four engines,  
is no midget either. Prize exhibit among transport planes  
is the Globemaster ~~and~~ C-124, which looks as if it  
might fly a small road convoy without difficulty. It can  
also be used as a troop carrier, capable of transporting  
120-men 4000 miles.

149 (down ramp) A majestic spectacle was provided by half a  
dozen B-36s in formation.

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The royal visitor to the air station must have received  
a strong impression of Allied air power. A sizeable deck-  
lift almost fits the Globemaster to be a new sort of  
aircraft carrier.