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Air Defence: New fighters for R.A.F. 18th Feb. 1955

Suffolk: At Wattisham R.A.F. Station there's a reassuring line-up of Britain's increasing air-power - as the Hawker "Hunter" goes into squadron service.

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There's a new generation at the helm; but the faster-than-sound Hunter, with its amazing rate of climb (ONE OF the chief essentials in jet-age defence) is a worthy successor to that immortal Hawker fighter, the Hurricane.

THE HUNTER — The service version of the plane that set up a world-air speed record, two years ago, gave an impressive display of formation flying. Already, the R.A.F. has three squadrons of the Hunter, which has the most destructive fire-power of any fighter in the world to-day.

Top-speed production at this Dagenham factory, too, where they're coping with heavy export orders for Britain's newest sub-machine gun, the "Sterling".

Adopted by the Army to replace the Sten gun - the new weapon can be fired from the shoulder or the hip - and in an emergency, with ONE HAND — pistol-fashion. SOUND

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Several hours in a refrigerator, immersion in WATER, mud and sand, [redacted] failed to stop the Sterling, which weighs six pounds and is accurate up to two hundred yards.

Already proved in action, the Sterling's simple mechanism is tested by a twelve year-old Sea CADET.