

ManchesterR. A. F. PARADE QUEEN'S COLOUR

Field Marshal the Earl Alexander, Britain's Minister of Defence, inspects squadrons of the Royal Air Force at Birchfield Park, Manchester. The ceremony is in celebration of the thirty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the R.A.F. and now the service's own Queen's Colour is marched past. Men of the Royal Air Force Regiment, with more than a thousand airmen and airwomen from training centres are on parade, marching behind their colour.

In the thirty-five years since its formation, the Royal Air Force has won for itself a reputation of supreme courage and skill - and in quality still remains the greatest Air Force in the world.