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BOSCOMBE DOWN: R.A.F. DEMONSTRATE
SOME SERVICES:

It's the R.A.F. experimental establishment at Boscombe Down Wiltshire, run by the Ministry of Supply for research into Aeroplans and armament problems, and for the first time the curtain's lifted for a fascinating glimpse of work in progress.

And that's one way of seeing how a hood can be jettisoned. Not only conventional aircraft go through their paces at Boscombe Down. Helicopters come under a special division concerned with developing the techniques of dropping supplies, equipment and men.

Ordinary aircraft too are adapted for the better dropping of what a soldier needs to keep him in the field. Flying tests, carried out by selected pilots seconded from the R.A.F. and Fleet Air Arm, range from high speed flight at high altitude to spinning and stalling. Great attention is paid to all forms of development in navigational and landing devices, ranging from visual and magnetic aids, to radar and radio.

All in all, the display gave strong evidence that here is an institution capable of giving the Services a much more efficient operational machine - which is the proud claim of the Boffins of Boscombe Down.