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sion of the Hawker P.1040 interceptor.

The first Staff College for officers of the Royal Australian Air Force is to be opened in May. Its training programme will be modelled on the R.A.F. pattern, and constant liaison with R.A.F. establishments will be maintained.

The Blue Look

THE U.S. Air Force is to introduce uniforms in a new slate-blue shade, known as Uxbridge blue, which is said to be slightly darker than the R.A.F. colour. Uniforms for officers and men will differ only in rank insignia, and oxidized silver buttons, light blue shirts, and "midnight blue" ties will be worn. Replacement of the present khaki is expected by September next year.

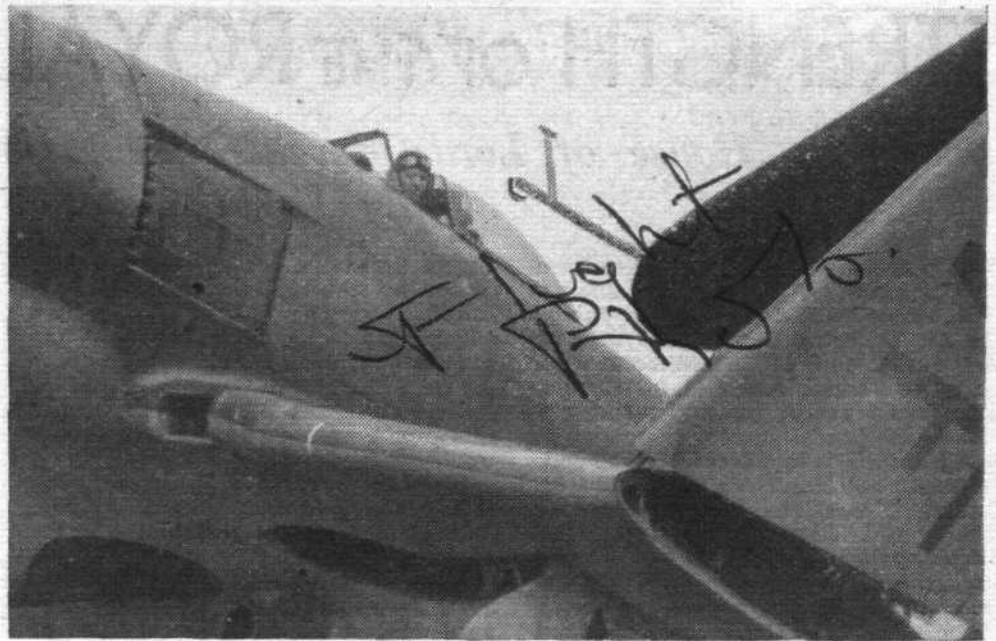
Competition Rules

AS mentioned in these pages on February 10th, the Royal Aero Club has recently circulated, in booklet form, Part I of its *Competition Rules*. This first section deals with racing, aerobatic competitions and international rallies; Part II, due to appear within the next few weeks, will cover record attempts by all classes of aircraft. Those concerned may obtain copies on application to the Secretary-General, at 119, Piccadilly, London, W.1.

Contracts for Curtiss

THE Curtiss-Wright Corporation has delivered to the U.S.A.F. for testing the first Cyclone 7 to be produced under a £1,750,000 order given last summer. Rated at 800 h.p., the "7" is the smallest in the Cyclone series. It will be used to power the 266 North American T-28 basic trainers ordered "off the drawing-board" last spring, as the result of a design competition. The first T-28 is expected to fly next September.

Another Curtiss-Wright contract calls for the reconditioning of 100 C-46 Commando transports at £7,500 each. The Corporation is also working on guided missiles.



POWER TO ITS ELBOW: In last week's issue of *Flight*, W/C. Maurice Smith gave flying impressions of the Blackburn Y.A. 1. He reports that a first experience of power-folding wings while taxiing provided a quite extraordinary sensation. When this photograph was taken he had just re-selected "spread."

Strictly Non-Political

IN the Volga Steppe area of Russia, flying and hunting have been combined in a war on wolves. One pilot, Sergei Gorbunov, is reported to have shot 250 out of 1,200 wolves exterminated during last year's season, and this year he already shares with another pilot a bag of 87. The types of aircraft and guns used have not been specified.

Orkney A.T.C. Proposal

TWO staff officers of No. 66 (Scottish Reserve) Group recently visited Orkney to discuss the formation of a County of Orkney A.T.C. unit. They were entertained by the Lord Lieutenant, Sir Sutherland Graeme, and members of the Orkney Flying Club. It was stated that while there appeared to be a considerable local desire, and many potential members, further preliminary inves-

tigations were required to ensure that an efficient unit could be started. In the meantime those who are interested have been asked to watch for Press notices and advertisements, or apply to the County Youth Organizer.

Auster Duster

THE latest sub-type in the Auster Autocrat series is the J.5, which has been developed for crop-dusting and spraying. Equipped for dusting, the J.5 can carry up to 400lb of D.D.T. powder and make a distribution as fine as 1/4 lb per acre, while the spraying version can cover 120 acres with 40 gallons of liquid. Both methods offer wide possibilities for pest control or soil fertilization.

News in Brief

AT the R.A.F. College, Cranwell, on February 22nd, Senhora Portella, professor of English at the Rio de Janeiro School of Aeronautics, where the Cranwell cadets' Brazilian counterparts are trained, presented a pennant to the Commandant of the College, A. Cdre. Beamish. The pennant is a token of esteem from officer air cadets of the Brazilian Air Force.

Representatives of 670 branches will attend this year's annual conference of the R.A.F. Association, to be held on June 11th and 12th at the Winter Gardens, Margate, under the chairmanship of Air Marshal Sir Richard Peck.

Following a recent announcement, it should be made clear that applications for B.P. carnets, and other enquiries in connection with the B.P. aviation fuel service, should be addressed to Shell-Mex and B.P., Ltd., Shell-Mex House, Strand, London, W.C.2.

Mr. Hugh C. Tett, managing director of the Esso Development Co., Ltd., since 1947, has been appointed general sales manager of the Anglo-American Oil Co., Ltd.



TAKING SHAPE: The mock-up of the Sponson Tribian II 5/6-seat amphibian, built by the Tiltman Langley Laboratories at Redhill. This version has a wing span 4ft greater than that of the 3/4-seat Tribian I, and will be powered by two Gipsy Queen 6s or Cirrus Bombardiers. Later export models for Canada and America may have Continental engines of equivalent power.