Antipodean Air Day

ABOUT 100,000 PEOPLE attended the RNZAF Air Force Day celebrations at Ohakea on February 22—an event which was to have been one of the highlights of the Queen Mother's cancelled NZ visit.

USAF F-105 Thunderchiefs produced the most impressive sonic booms yet heard around Ohakea, one of them flying over at more than 800 m.p.h., while a NZ correspondent reports that the crowd was left gasping by the display of the three RAF Victor B.2s taking part.

An interesting formation fly-past of three different maritime types from three air forces—the RNZAF's faithful old Sunderland, the RAAF's Neptune and the USN's forces—the RNZAF's faithful old Sunderlands cannot go on for ever.

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A note was dropped warning them to stay away from the flooded shark-infested coast, Fit Lt Lambert remembered the high tide, and ordered a night fighter squadron and, as Wing Commander Flying at RAF Duxford, led the Coronation fly-past over London in 1953. In 1960 he was appointed Deputy Captain of the Queen's Flight and in 1963 became a Deputy Director of Personnel at the Air Ministry.

Three Men in a Boat

LACKING ONLY THE DOG, Montmorency, three men in a boat were found by a Beverley of 84 Sqn, RAF Khormaksar, recently—high, dry and three miles inland from the coast of Trucial Oman.

The three men, English geology students, had been washed inland by tremendous tides, backed by 50 m.p.h. winds, when sailing from Tariff to Jebel Yannah, and the Beverley, on detachment at RAF Muharraq, spotted them. Wg Cdr Yeo-Thomas—of Montmorency, the White Rabbit—served three "tours" as a special agent in occupied France, being betrayed to the Gestapo on the third, suffering unimaginable tortures before being recaptured and leading a second mass escape which resulted in his return across the Allies' lines.

New Press Chief for the RAF

THE AIR MINISTRY'S PUBLIC RELATIONS will be directed by a new chief from March 23, when Air Cdre James Wallace will succeed Air Cdre John Barracough, the present Chief Information Officer. Air Cdre Barracough has been appointed AOC 19 Group, Coastal Command, with the acting rank of air vice-marshal, from July 1.

For Air Cdre Barracough, promotion means a return to his wartime Command, for he served with 209 and 240 Sqns in European theatres. After the war he commanded a night fighter squadron and, as Wing Commander Flying at RAF Duxford, led the Coronation fly-past over London in 1953. In 1960 he was appointed Deputy Captain of the Queen's Flight and in 1963 became a Deputy Director of Personnel at the Air Ministry.

Entrance to the FAA Review at RNAS Yeovilton on May 28, mentioned on this page last week, will be by ticket only. Past members of the RNAs and FAA are invited to apply for two tickets each before March 16, giving details of their service, to the Secretary, FAA Review 1964, Staff of the Air Ministry.

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Air Cdre Wallace, an Irishman, was exclusively a bomber man during the war, successively flying Wellesleys, Baltimores, Mitchells and Mosquitoes in African and European theatres. After the war he commanded a night fighter squadron and, as Wing Commander Flying at RAF Duxford, led the Coronation fly-past over London in 1953. In 1960 he was appointed Deputy Captain of the Queen's Flight and in 1963 became a Deputy Director of Personnel at the Air Ministry.

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New Director-General of Engineering at the Air Ministry from March 14 will be Air Cdre W. D. Disbrey, with the acting rank of air vice-marshal. Air Cdre Disbrey will be succeeded as CO, No 1 Radio School, RAF Locking, by Air Cdre C. R. C. Howlett, who moves over from the post of Superintendent of Armament at A&AE, Boscombe Down.