

AUSSIE AIRMEN AID TITO



Gunner Standing alongside weapons he mans on supply plane is F/O O. Mason (Sydney), former radio announcer.



The Drop W/O Shannon (Sydney), W/O V. Murphy (Griffith, NSW), F/Sgt. W. Hodgins (Singleton, NSW) drop vital supplies for partisans from their plane over Yugoslavia. Crews have delivered supplies even in blinding snow-storms. Partisans have expressed appreciation in messages of thanks to squadron. One note, sent during bitterly cold days of December, after thanking the crews, pointed out there was daily need for articles of clothing to help troops fighting in snow without boots, greatcoats.



"Dropper" In nose of Halifax is F/O H. Walker (Mitcham, Vic.), who as bombardier gives signal to drop supplies.

AUSTRALIAN airmen, among important roles they are still filling overseas, are helping to drop airborne supplies of food, medical needs, ammunition and weapons to Marshal Tito's forces chasing the Nazis from Yugoslavia. Stationed with an RAF heavy bomber squadron in Italy, the Australians are manning Halifaxes, Wellingtons and Liberators on

supply missions over some of the most hazardous flying country in Europe. Difficulties of dropping supplies in mountain regions of Yugoslavia demand highest skill and courage. Although crews received no special training, they have done magnificent job. Recently in two months they dropped about 1000 tons of supplies. Pictures from Department of Air



Loading Crew of a Halifax stack supplies into their plane ready for flight. Although bad weather upsets accuracy of dropping, percentage of containers reaching partisan forces is very high.



All-Australian Members of this Halifax crew are all Australians. From left to right they are F/O R. Eisenhauer (Albury, NSW), F/O Walker, F/Sgt. Hodgins, W/O Murphy, W/O Shannon, and F/O Mason. Millions of leaflets, dropped by planes the same time as supplies keep the Yugoslav troops and people, even in their remote mountain villages, up to date with latest world news.