

R.A.F. SQUADRON ON THE MOVE.

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Problems of air attack and defence necessitate the frequent removal of Fighter Command Squadrons from one station to another. That means that the personnel --- the pilots, other air crews and ground staff, have to be ready at short notice to pack up and remove all their kit and treasured belongings, including the picture of Auntie Mabel.

Key men of the ground crews are taken by plane --- in the large aircraft that used to be used as troop carriers; the whole move must be carried out quickly and a new squadron must take over at once; the area must never be left without fighter protection. Take care of that --- it's the Group Captain's

Packed in like paratroops are the men on whose skill the success of the R.A.F. largely depends --- armourers, engineers, wireless mechanics who keep the aircraft good enough for the world's best pilots to fly in.

The fighters take off on their own and fly in formation to their new quarters; sometimes it may happen that enemy raiders approach while they're on the move; in that case, radio-telephone switches them off the course; guns ready and ammunition on board they can sweep into the attack without the loss of a minute.