

AIR STRIP NEW STYLE

Evidently something big was afoot at Abingdon, Berkshire. Beverly transports took on big cargoes, to prepare for Operation Flat Earth. Men and material were to be flown to Thetford, Norfolk, to try something for the first time in Europe, that is, to lay an airstrip, after everything had been parachuted on to the chosen place. Being transported this was were four bulldozer, four heavy rollers, five landrovers and a lot of small equipment, such as wheelbarrows. If successful, the operation would show how an airstrip can be laid and brought into use faster than ever before.

About 100 miles from Abingdon brought them to the selected spot.

When the men were all safely down, other transports put out the heavy stuff.

All that was no more than routine for the parachutists; the test of the exercise would come with the actual making of the airstrip especially as it would have to be strong enough for the huge Beverlys to land on it.

The aptly named Wobbly Wheeled Roller, weighted with water tanks fore and aft, makes a level surface. And now for a new bridge idea. All done by wires and special wheel attachments.

Quite a success, but don't forget to hold on.