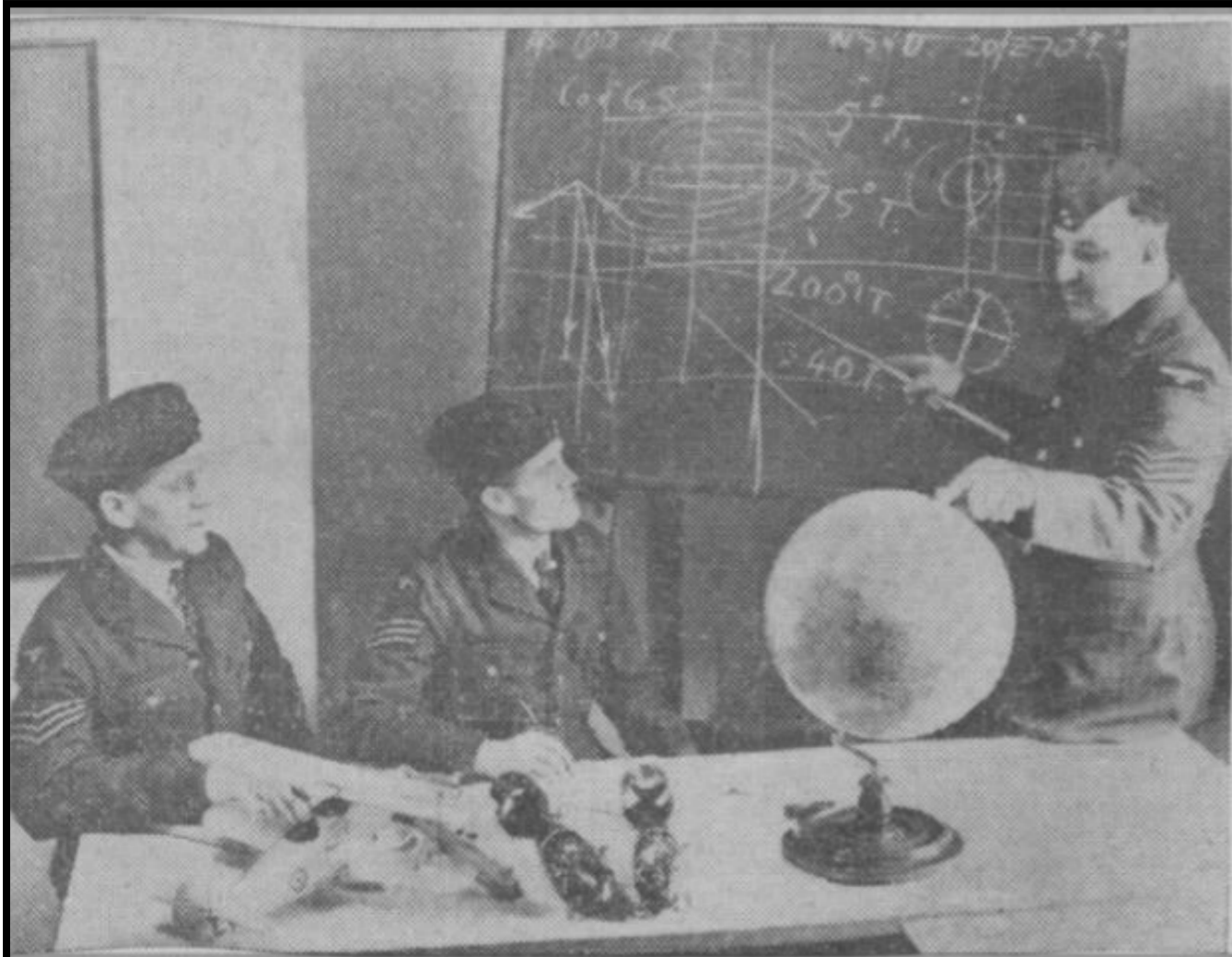


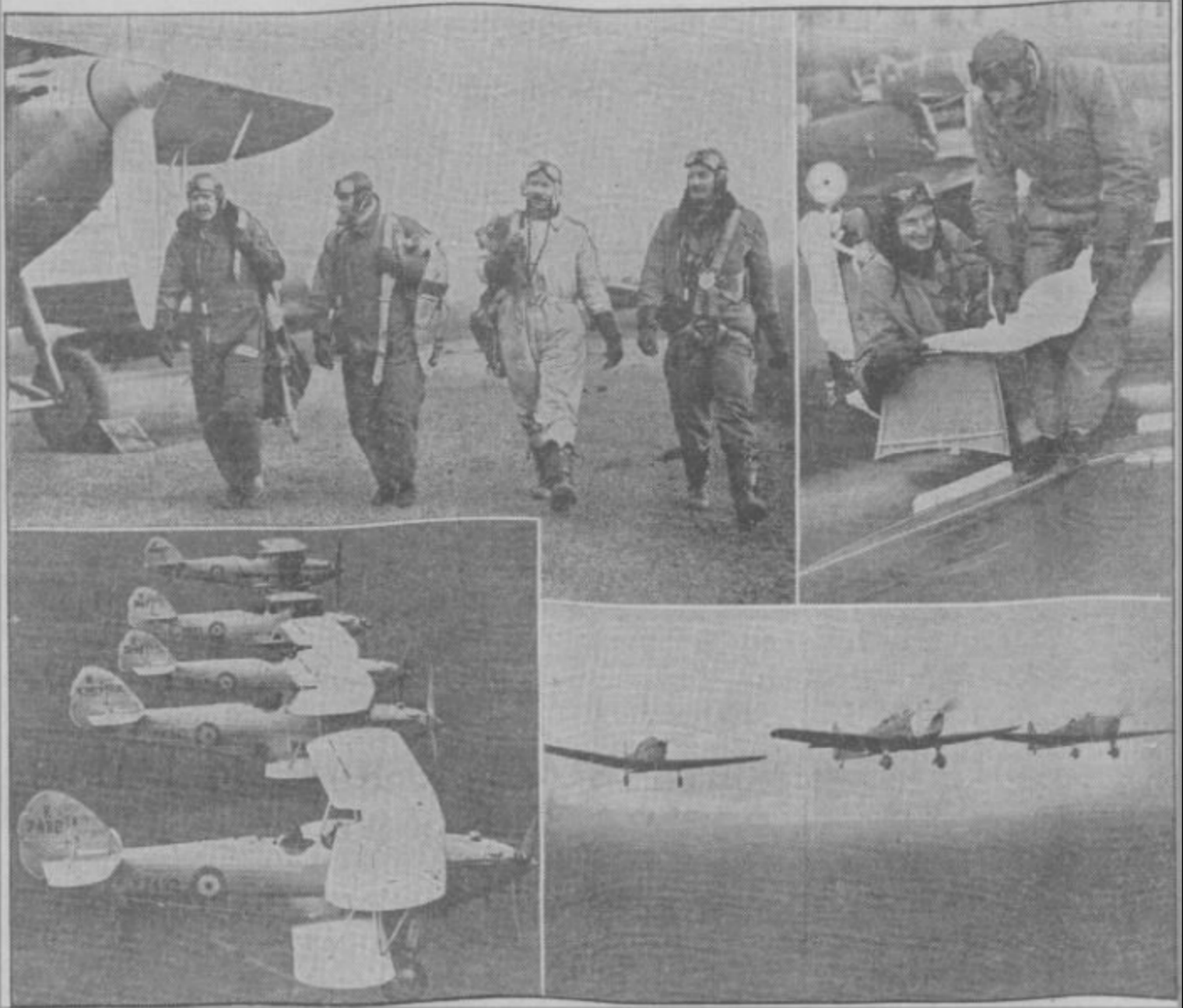
# TRENTHAM 1939—Preparations for War



Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve pilots being instructed in navigation at **Trentham** which is the Town Centre for Stoke-on-Trent and district.

## RAF Volunteer Reserve Training School Based in the Trentham Institute Stone Road

### TRAINING PILOTS FOR VOLUNTEER RESERVE



The Royal Air Force Volunteer Reserve Training School, at the Meir Aerodrome and the **Trentham** Institute Town Centre, is making good progress in the training of pilots, wireless operators and observers. The pictures, taken by a "Sentinel" photographer, show Flying Officer A. C. Richardson, Flying Officer L. S. Tindall, Sergeant-Pilot E. T. Heelas and a pupil walking towards the planes; instructions on direction to the pupil before the take-off; a formation flight of Hawker Harts (advanced type of training machine); and three Miles Magister trainers leaving the ground.

## AIRCRAFT PRACTICE OVER **TRENTHAM**

For fifteen minutes—between 2.30 and 2.45 to-morrow morning—aircraft practice will take place over **Trentham** and the surrounding district.

### Trentham Bank Manager Army transfer



**CAPTAIN G. R. Leason**, of the 41st (5th North Staffordshire) Anti-Aircraft Battalion, R.E.T.A., has been transferred to the Royal Artillery, Regular Army, with the same rank.

Captain Leason, who is the son of Mr. Harry Leason, a member of the Stoke-on-Trent City Council, and Mrs. Leason, of **Trentham**, Penkull, was educated at Newcastle High School, where he obtained his "A" Certificate with the O.T.C. He joined the staff of the District Bank in 1928, commencing at the Hanley branch, and was later transferred to Northwich. For the past two years he has been at Stoke, taking charge of the branch at **Trentham**.

He joined the 5th North Staffords as Second-Lieutenant, under Colonel F. E. Wenger, in 1930, this unit subsequently becoming the 41st A.A. Battalion. At the time of his transfer he was second-in-command of Headquarters 363 Company, under Major H. M. Powell. He obtained his captaincy in May last, and was recommended for a commission with the Regular Army by his Commanding Officer, Colonel J. O. Doyle, and was transferred with the same rank to the Royal Artillery on Saturday last, and is now stationed at Kinmel Park, attached to the 16th Searchlight Militia Depot.

### Air Cadet Force formation

IN connection with a plan to form a branch of the Air Defence Cadet Corps in Stoke-on-Trent, a preliminary meeting, convened by the Lord Mayor (Alderman J. Barker), was held at Stoke yesterday, and an Interim Committee was formed, with Alderman J. A. Dale as Chairman and Captain W. B. Green and Mr. **Hugh** Sharpley as Joint Secretaries.

Branches of the Corps have been formed in most of the large cities and towns of the country. Membership is open to boys between the ages of 15 and 18, who are given thorough instruction in the technique and mechanics of aviation. The course does not include actual flying, but aims at making boys "air-minded" and equipping them to carry out the whole of the ground-work incidental to flying.

A further meeting in connection with the scheme is to be held at Stoke Town Hall at 5.30 p.m. on Monday, when Colonel Scott Robson, Midland Area Organiser for the Corps, will explain it in detail.

## Gearing up for Hospital Supplies Trentham Depot based at The Priory

### SUPPLIES FOR HOSPITALS

34 NORTH STAFFS.  
DEPOTS

A Hospital Supplies Depot for the centre of Stoke was formed at a meeting in the Baptist Church Rooms, London-road, Stoke, yesterday.

The depots are being inaugurated by the British Red Cross Society, and there are now 34 of them in this district. By the time North Staffordshire is fully organised, it is expected that 60 depots will be working for the various hospitals.

The depot formed yesterday at Stoke is an addition to those which come under the Stoke Division of the Society. Mrs. Wheelton Hind, O.B.E. (Vice-President of the Division) presided, and the scheme was fully detailed by Mrs. T. H. Richmond (Township Leader).

#### MRS. COPELAND'S VISIT

A pleasant surprise for the ladies present was a visit from Mrs. Ronald Copeland, who has just returned to North Staffordshire from Cornwall. She commended the hospital supply scheme, and wished the new depot every success, assuring the members of her interest in it.

Mrs. Graham was made Chairman of the depot, Mrs. Ewen was appointed Secretary, and Mrs. Marshall Treasurer. It was announced that the Baptist Church rooms have been loaned for the use of the depot, which will meet each Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 3.30.

The Hartshill Depot, which was formed last week, is already flourishing. Mrs. Fellwell is the Chairman, Mrs. Johnson is Secretary, and the headquarters are the Blind and Deaf School, Penkull.

It is now announced that, from next week, meetings will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10.30 a.m. to 12.30, and from 2.30 p.m. to 5 o'clock in each case.

#### WOMEN'S DEPOT

Enthusiastic support for the **Trentham** Hospital Supplies Depot was promised at a meeting of women held at the Priory, **Trentham**, yesterday.

About 65 ladies attended the meeting at which Mrs. Adolph H. C. Wenger (Chairman of the Depot) presided, supported by Mrs. J. V. Goddard (Secretary) and Mrs. T. Shenton (Treasurer).

It was agreed that the depot should meet twice weekly—at 2 p.m. on Tuesday and Friday each week.

#### Trentham Meeting

The first meeting of **Trentham** War Hospitals Supplies Depot is being held at **Trentham** Priory next Wednesday afternoon, and any **Trentham** resident wishing to help with the work will be welcome.

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## HOSPITAL SUPPLIES

### Medals Presented at **Trentham**

Membership medals were presented to ladies of the **Trentham** Hospital Supply Depot yesterday at **Trentham** Priory, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph H. C. Wenger, by Mrs. J. A. Dale, the Honorary Organiser of the Stoke Women's Voluntary Services.

Mrs. Wenger, who presided, is Chairman of the **Trentham** Hospital Depot which meets for sewing each Tuesday at the Priory. Others present included Mrs. Goddard (Hon. Secretary of the Depot) and Mrs. Grimes.

Mrs. Dale presented 76 medals, and congratulated the members on their work at the depot since it was founded at the outbreak of war. She said she was sure that Lady Reading, who recently had paid a visit to Stoke-on-Trent in connection with W.V.S. work, must be proud of the progress which had been made in this district.

When war came, said Mrs. Dale, the W.V.S. was in readiness and all the machinery was set going at top speed. Since then, the organisation had been called upon to perform many tasks, not only sewing for hospitals but knitting comforts for the troops, and collecting clothes for evacuees. The W.V.S. were now engaged in collecting clothes in case of aerial bombardments. She was delighted to see the way in which the ladies of the district were responding to the call.

Tea was served, and Mrs. Wenger was thanked for her hospitality and Mrs. Dale for presenting the medals.



Mrs. J. A. Dale, the Organiser of the Stoke-on-Trent Branch of the Women's Voluntary Service, presenting a W.V.S. badge to the Chairman of the Trentham Hospital Supply Depot (Mrs. A. H. C. Wenger) when she visited Trentham Priory Working Party.