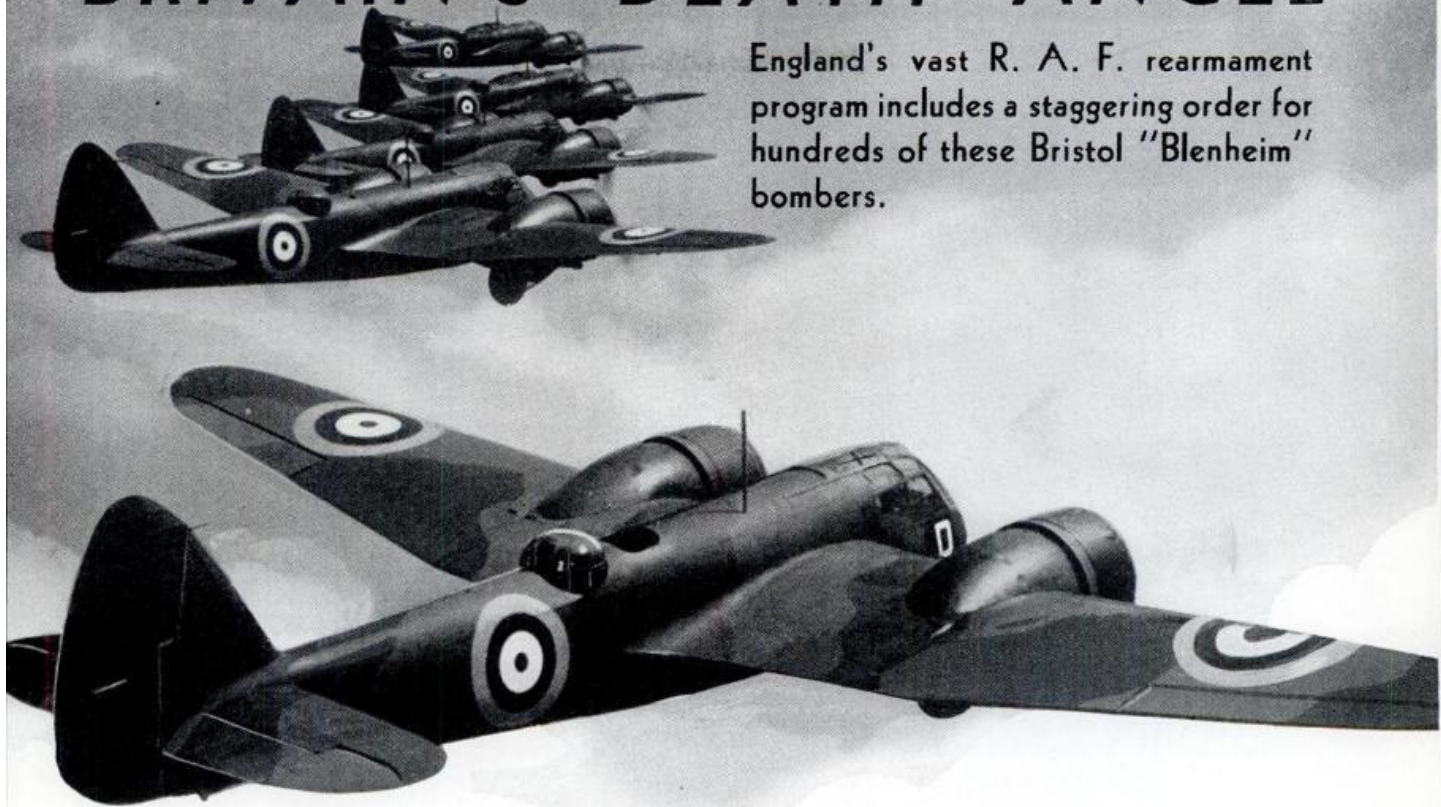


BRITAIN'S DEATH ANGEL

England's vast R. A. F. rearmament program includes a staggering order for hundreds of these Bristol "Blenheim" bombers.



Capable of flying 1,000 miles non-stop with a full load of bombs and armaments, the *Blenheim* is by far the deadliest airplane of its kind in the British empire today. Several hundred now are under construction both at the Bristol factory and a "shadow factory."

IF Lord Rothermere of Great Britain had not wanted a high speed transport for his own personal use, England may never have had the deadly bomber she has today. It was 1934 that Lord Rothermere contracted with the Bristol company for a high-speed twin-engine airplane. The Bristol company dubbed its design Model No. 142. Rothermere liked the name "Britain First" better. Later, however, when the refined version of the "Britain First" made its appearance as a full-fledged bomber, it was given its present name, the Bristol *Blenheim*. In the *Blenheim*, Britain has one of the deadliest warplanes a-wing. Although the air ministry has kept the ship's performance figures secret, it is known that Lord Rothermere's original ship was clocked at 268 m.p.h. It has been reported that the *Blenheim* increased that speed to 279 m.p.h. with a full load at 14,000 feet. According to Society of British Aircraft Constructors, Ltd., the *Blenheim* is all metal and the wings and fuselage are covered with metal stressed skin. Powered with two 840 h.p. supercharged engines, the *Blenheim* is said to have a speed of 274 m.p.h. at 20,000 feet and a service ceiling of 30,000 feet.

Camouflaged even to the metal props, the *Blenheim* is striking.

