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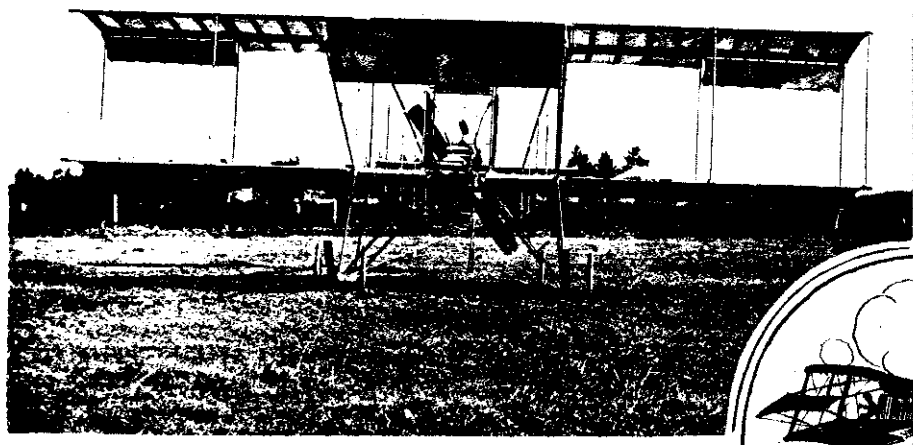

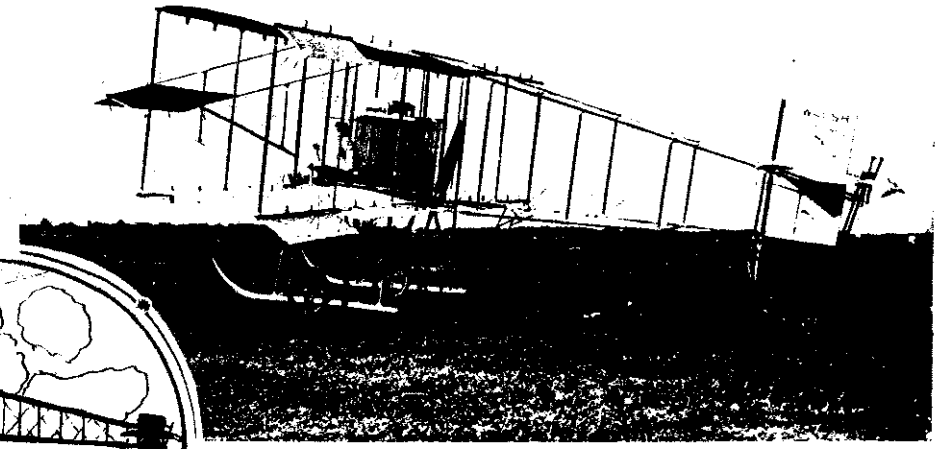

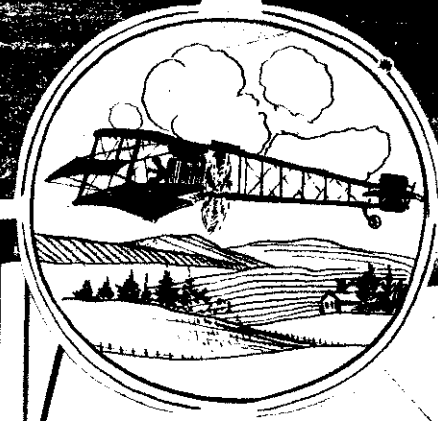

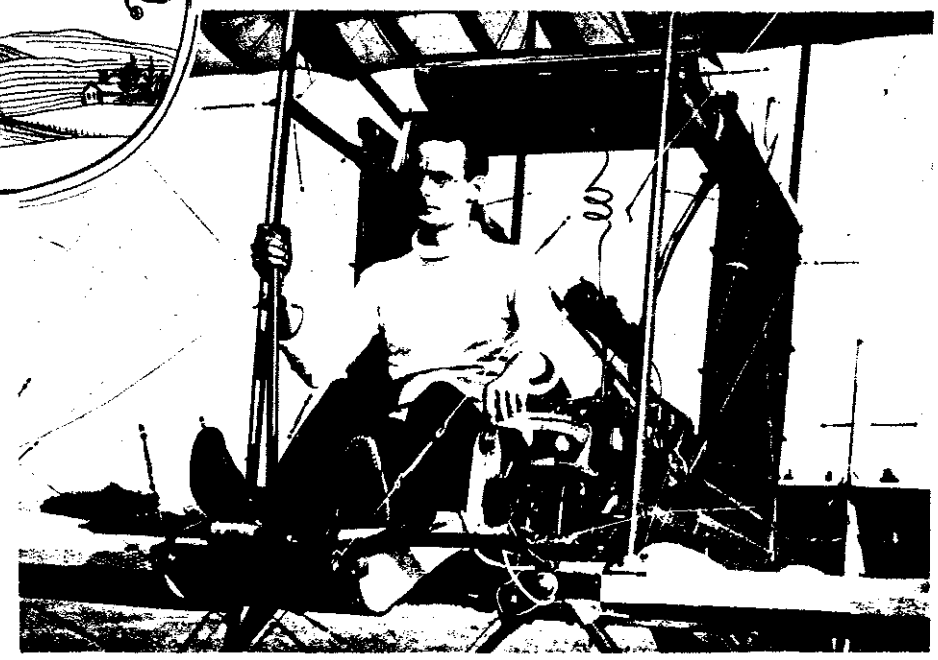

PIONEERS OF AVIATION IN NEW ZEALAND—SUCCESSFUL TRIAL IN AUCKLAND.

The Auckland Aviation Syndicate, or, as it is known at present, the Walsh Aeroplane Co., have been carrying out a number of highly successful trial flights at Glenora Park, Papakura, and before long, it is anticipated that a public exhibition will be given. The machine is a biplane of the Howard Wright-Farman type, with a monoplane tail. It is 27ft 6in in length, and 36ft 6in in breadth. The engine, an E.N.V., of British make, develops from 60 to 80 h.p., and gives 1500 revolutions per minute to the propeller. Loaded with the pilot and two hours' supply of petrol and water the machine weighs 1120lbs. Accommodation is provided for a pilot and passenger, and the speed of the machine is from 45 to 60 miles per hour. The two top photos show front and side views of the biplane respectively. In the lower left hand picture Mr. V. C. Walsh is seated in the pilot's seat of the machine, with Mr Leo Walsh (the engineer and constructor) behind him. Standing in front, and reading from the left, are: Messrs E. T. Hill and R. Stock (assistants), C. B. Lester, A. J. Powley, A. N. Lester (promoters and managing directors), V. J. Roberts and H. Stevenson (assistants). The remaining picture shows Mr Leo Walsh (the chief constructor) seated in the machine.