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VALIANTS IN R.A.F.

The Vickers Valiant, Britain's new four-jet bomber, enters squadron service with the R.A.F. - the most powerful, costly, and complex aircraft the Air Force has ever held. Each one is worth several hundred thousand pounds - so only the cream of aircrews are picked to fly them.

Clean lines make her look small - but the tail plane alone has a wider span than a Hunter fighter's wing. As one pilot puts it; flying the old Lancaster was like driving a lorry; the Canberra's like a small but lively sports car; but the Valiant is like a powerful luxury sports saloon.

Designed to carry nuclear weapons, one Valiant can have greater hitting power than the whole of wartime Bomber Command.