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R.A.F. AND THE STAGE

A station of army co-operation command of the R.A.F. in the Home Counties will be presenting on Tuesday next, for four nights, Reginald Arkell's musical comedy of English history "1066 and All That." This production, which was considered ambitious when originally produced by the Birmingham Repertory Company, utilises something like a hundred costumes, 20 scenes and 30 actors. The scenery is entirely home-made and, in spite of the fact that only thirty shillings was allowed to be spent on it, is historically accurate.

A flight-sergeant and six W.A.A.F. appear in the parts of Henry VIII and his wives, while a Dutch officer "F/O Ven" is appropriately enough in the character of William of Orange. The station catering officer appears as William the Conqueror, and his Queen is a young W.A.A.F. One of the command gunnery leaders portrays a returning crusader. The cast also includes a civilian scientist, officers, airmen and W.A.A.F. normally employed in the orderly rooms, cook-house, signals offices, and transport and other sections.

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