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PARACHUTES AS BRAKES FOR CRASHED LIBERATOR

Three Australians were in the crew of a Liberator which used parachutes for brakes when its hydraulic system was wrecked by fire from Japanese shipping in the Andaman Sea.

The parachutes were anchored to the beam guns and thrown out of the windows as soon as the aircraft touched down. And the ground staff opened their eyes in surprise when the canopies billowed out.

But the improvisation worked, and the Liberator made a good landing.

The aircraft was piloted by a Canadian and included P/O. G.H.

Middleton, navigator, of Mareeathar, New South Wales; P/O. D.W. Skewes,
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wireless operator-air gunner, of Wangaratta, Victoria; and P/O. A.J.
Race, wireless operator-air gunner, of Egmontford, Sydney.

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