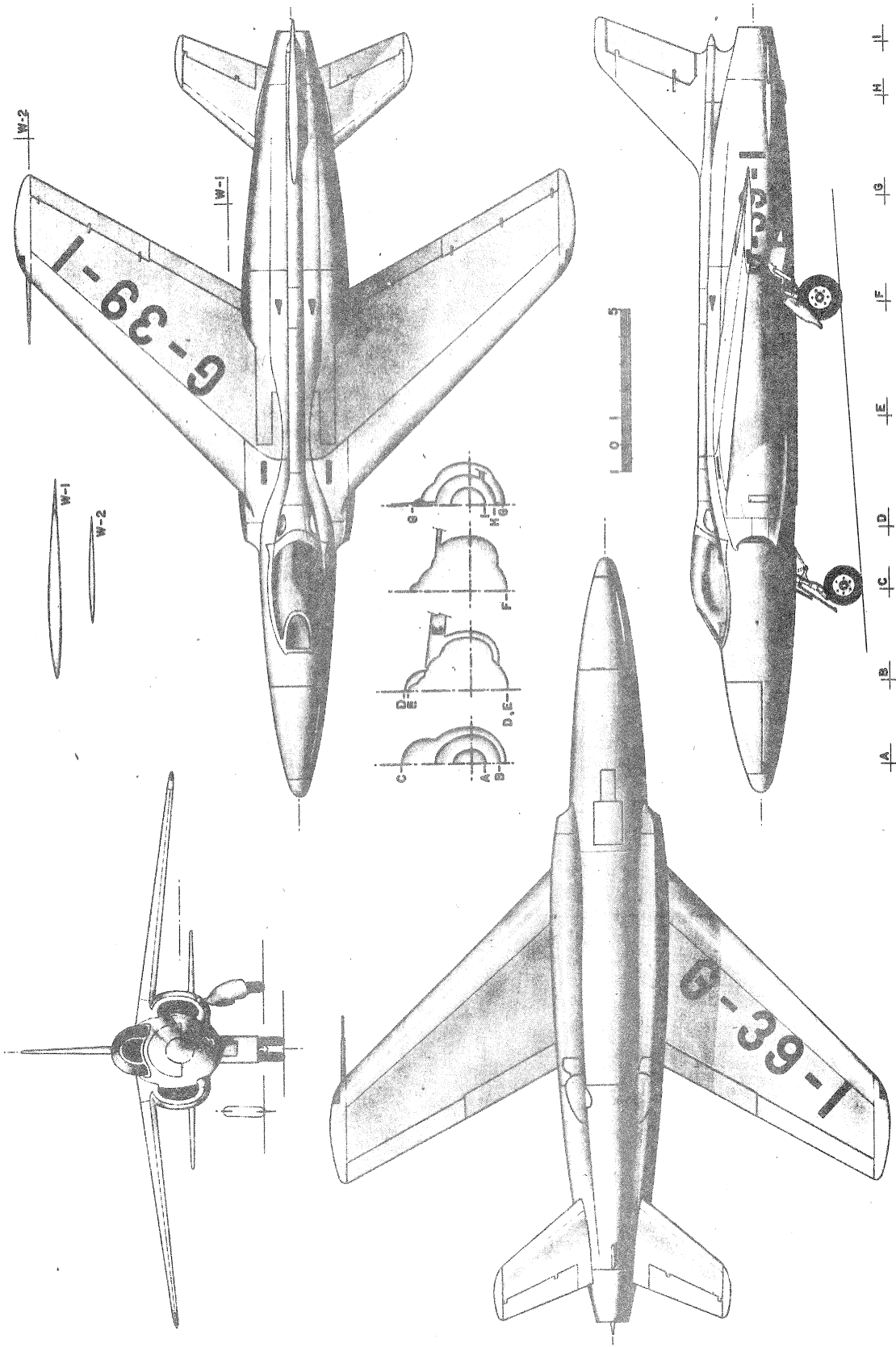


FOLLAND "MIDGE"



■ Experimental light-weight fighter by Britain's Folland Aircraft Ltd. Shows feasibility of economical, bantam-size military airplane with capabilities of standard fighter. The Midge has wingspan of 20 ft. 8 in., power is an Armstrong Siddeley "Viper" engine of 1650 lbs. thrust. Plane reached

speed of sound in a dive and is capable of 600 mph in level flight. Production airplane, named "Gnat," will be powered by Bristol Orpheus engine rated close to 5000 lbs. thrust; armament to be four 30-mm cannon. Cost 1/5th that of standard fighter.