played at inside left. Others to earn such a distinction were Dermot Lynch (CV) and Paddy Murphy.

FIRST FLIGHT An Aer Lingus passenger

plane landed at Rineanna at 1pm on Wednesday, August

12, completing the inaugural flight of the regular Dublin-Limerick air service. four-engined De Havilland machine was piloted by Captain J McAuley. The Mayor of Limerick, DJ O'Malley, solicitor, was on the tarmac to greet the passengers; he was handed a letter by Captain McAuley from the Lord Mayor of Dublin, PS Doyle, congratulating the citizens Limerick on Ireland's first internal air service. The passengers were Major GJ Carroll (General Manager, Aer Lingus), S OhUadhaigh (director), J Gannon, ATA, Senator JP Campbell, Roy Henderson, JP O'Brien (chairman, ITA), McConnell (McConnell's Advertising Agency), MA Montgomery (Irish Times) and J Evans, Movietone News photographer. Mr O'Malley, congratulating Aer Lingus on their initiative, said the impor-tance of the new service could be judged by the

internal air service which made it a very important spot on the map.

The plane returned to Dublin at 3.30pm that day, and amongst the passengers were the mayor and Mayoress of Limerick. The service would be operative on three days, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, of each week. A bus would

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on three days, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, of each week. A bus would take the passengers into Limerick.

Amongst those present at a reception given by Aer Lingus to mark the occasion of the inaugural flight were Deputy MJ Keyes, JM Casey, SJK Roycroft (managing director, Limerick)

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Mr S O'Connell, public relations officer, Aer Lingus, had charge of the arrangements.

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