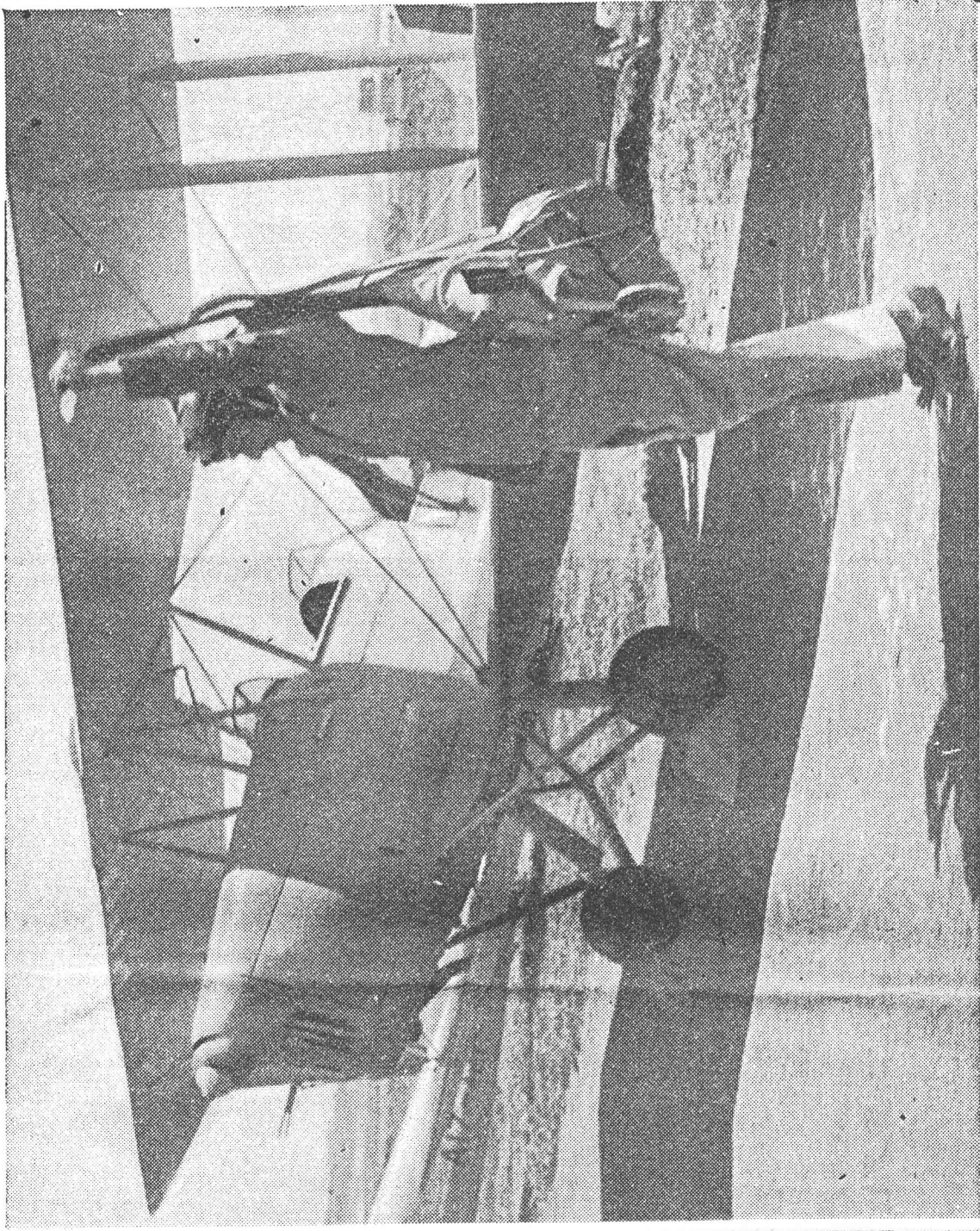
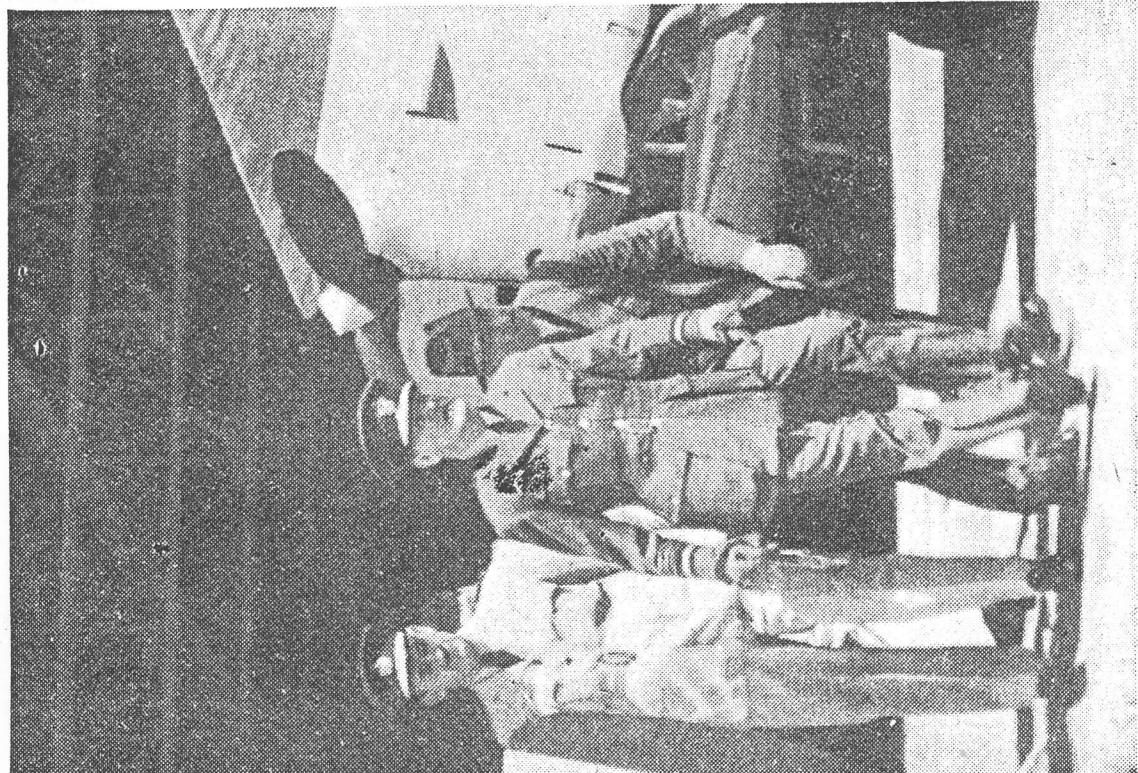


# HUNDREDTH TIGER MOTH PLANE FOR R.A.A.F.



The hundredth Tiger Moth training plane produced locally was tested and delivered to the R.A.A.F. at Kingsford Smith airport yesterday. Left: The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief-Marshall Sir Charles Burnett (centre), inspecting Tiger Moths at the De Havilland aircraft factory at Mascot. With him are Air-Commodore A. T. Cole and Major Murray-Jones (of the De Havilland Company). Right: The test pilot, Mr. J. Kerr, adjusting his parachute before taking the 100th plane up.

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# SWIFT CENTURY OF TIGER MOTHS FOR AIR TRAINING

The hundredth Tiger Moth training plane of an R.A.A.F. order for 650, was test flown and delivered to the Air Force at Kingsford Smith Aerodrome to-day.

Production started only last May, and the progress made is unprecedented in Australia.

The Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Burnett, to-day, inspected the plane and complimented the manufacturers on their progress.

The 683 employees of the manufacturers, de Havilland Aircraft Pty., Ltd., will shortly hold a picnic to celebrate completion of the 100th plane.

Altogether, five Tiger Moths were delivered to the R.A.A.F. to-day and flown by service pilots to Richmond, from where they will be issued to elementary flying training schools under the Empire Air Scheme.

Test pilot of the company is Mr. J. A. Kerr.

Planes are now rolling off de Havilland's assembly line at the rate of two a day, and ultimately it is hoped

that production will reach three a day.

In about a month, the first Australian-built Gipsy Major engines will be installed in the planes. With the exception of the instruments, the aircraft will then be completely Australian-made. First of the Australian engines was completed a fortnight ago, in Melbourne.

Materials in the planes will be 80 per cent. Australian, imported materials being Canadian spruce and bracing wires.

## Beaufort Propellers

The possibility of using Australian woods is now being explored.

All metal parts of the planes are now being made at de Havilland's Alexandria factory. Wings are being made at Waterloo, and the woodwork and assembly are done at Mascot.

De Havilland's have now built 170 planes in the past 18 months. When war broke out they completed an order for 20 Tiger Moths for the Air Force, and later built 50 Moth Minors.

In addition to the present order of 650 Tigers for the R.A.A.F., they are building four of the same planes for the Netherlands Indies Aviation Fund, to train reserve pilots for the Dutch Air Force there.

They have already sold the fund four Moth Minors.

A de Havilland official to-day revealed that 22 propellers for Australian-made Bristol Beaufort bombers have been completed at the Alexandria factory, and a set of blades is now being turned out every day.

They are three-bladed, adjustable pitch propellers of the most modern type, and cost £800 each.

The same factory is doing 90 per cent. of all propeller repair work in Australia.

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Test pilot J. A. Kerr after final test flight of the 100th Tiger Moth, built by de Havilland Aircraft Pty., Ltd. for the R.A.A.F. and delivered to-day.