

# PLANE ALL MADE IN AUSTRALIA

Production of Tiger Moth trainer aircraft in Australia has now been swung over almost entirely to Australian-made materials.

This was officially announced today by the De Havilland Aircraft Pty., Ltd.

Not only has the company been able to abandon the importation of materials, except for an almost insignificant percentage, but it has been able to export training aircraft manufactured almost wholly from Australian materials.

Behind the announcement lies the story of an Australian aircraft production triumph since the war.

## Factories' Growth

In that time, the De Havilland plant has been expanded to six times its pre-war size. When work is complete on new factory buildings which will add another 20,000 square feet to the floor space, the company will have a space of 167,000 square feet under occupation in the important wartime task of turning out two Tiger Moths a day, and producing large numbers of airscrews.

In September, 1939, when war began, De Havilland had 27,000 square feet of space in its factories, and an additional 26,000 square feet was contemplated.

In January, 1940, the space had increased to 70,000 square feet, and in June, 1940, due to leasing, to 123,000. By December, 1940, the total had increased to 149,000.

To-day, with a large building project just completed, 167,000 square feet is under occupation, and an additional 20,000 feet, on which work will start shortly, will bring the figure to six times the September, 1939, figure.

## If Raiders Come

In close collaboration with the Aircraft Production Commission, the company has decentralised its factories to such an extent that it is now claimed that one hit from an enemy bomb would not inflict serious damage.

The English company has invested more than £50,000 in buildings alone in the great expansion programme, which has kept builders constantly engaged since the outbreak of war.

An indication of the tremendous strides made in production, while the swing-over to Australian materials has been proceeding, is given by the announcement that in a little more than 12 months, the company has delivered 436 Tiger Moth aircraft.

Production of airscrews for lighter-type aircraft is well under way, and the company is well advanced in "tooling" for reconnaissance bombers, which are being turned out in Australia.

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