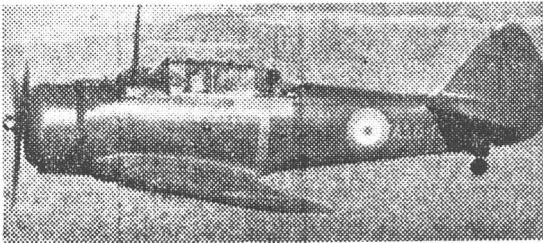


We put away a Wirraway



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One of the last of the Wirraway fighter-trainers, its propeller scarred with bullet holes, passed almost unnoticed through the city today.

It travelled on a low-loader from the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation factories at Fishermen's Bend, across Spencer St. Bridge to Sunshine, where it will be stored until Melbourne's Cultural Centre opens.

CAC has given it to the Institute of Applied Science for public display in the Institute's section of the centre.

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CAC built 755 Wirraways at Fishermene's Bend after Wing Commander, now Sir Lawrence Wackett chose it in 1936 as the RAAF's top fighter.

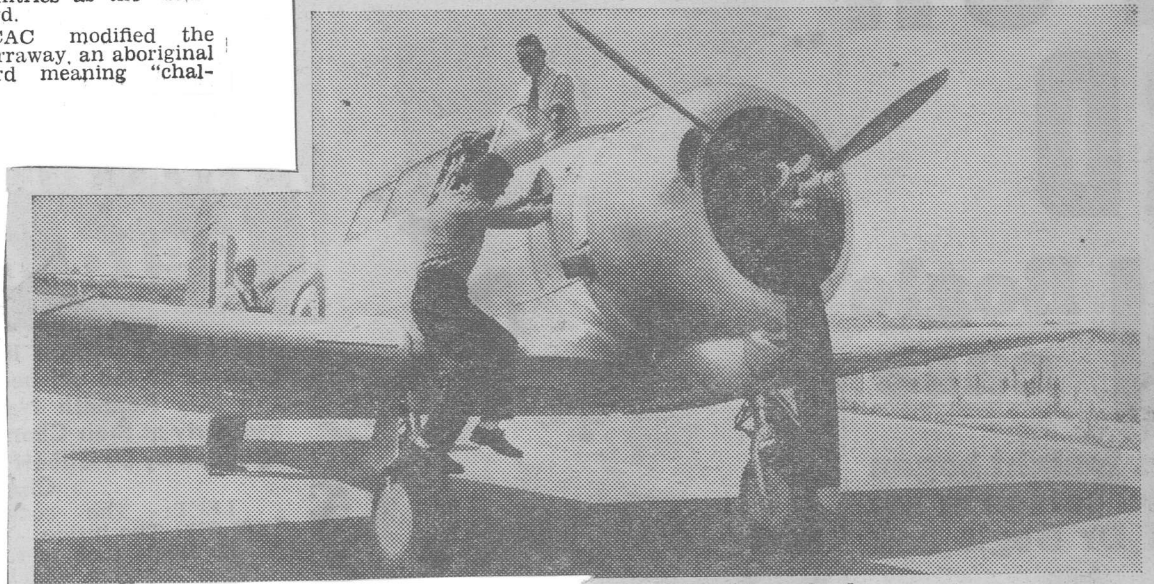
It was then the North American NA33 and served in modified versions in the U.S. as the Texan and in Canada, Rhodesia and other countries as the Harvard.

CAC modified the Wirraway, an aboriginal word meaning "chal-

lenge." for RAAF operations.

It joined the RAAF officially in July 1939, and saw service in Australia and the Pacific in the Second World War. But it was used mainly as a trainer.

RESTING PLACE FOR A WARRIOR



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↑ GETTING a final check at the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation, Fishermen's Bend, yesterday, is this 1944 Wirraway training plane which will be preserved for posterity at the Institute of Applied Science, Swanston-st.

In the early days of World War II the Wirraway was Australia's only frontline fighter.

Wirraways played a big part in enabling Australia to meet her commitment under the Empire Air Training Scheme, which had to