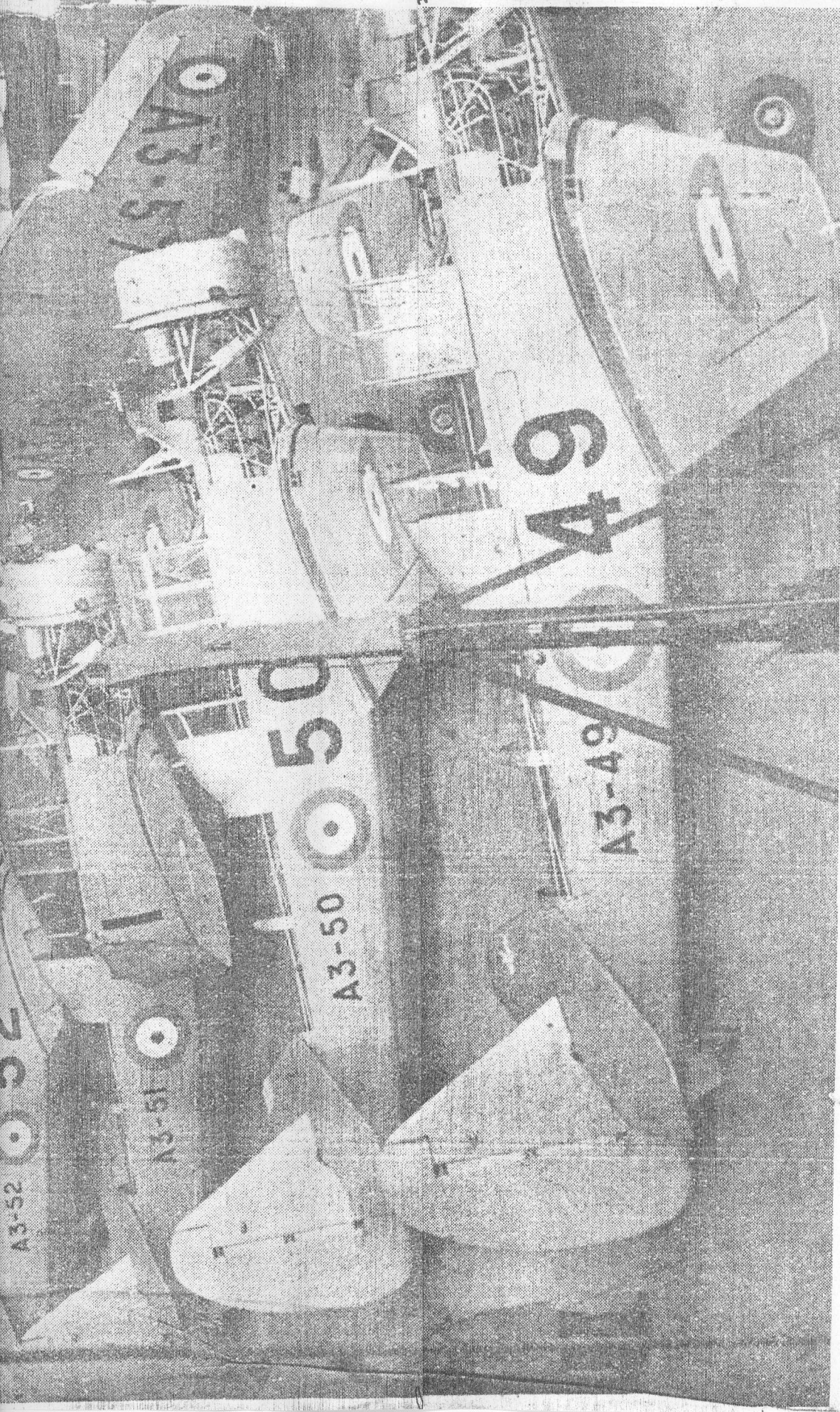


AT BALLARAT R.A.A.F. WIRELESS-AIR GUNNERS — voice, eyes and fangs of fighting aircraft—are learning to master one of the most difficult and responsible jobs in wartime aviation. Here is a line up of Wackett trainer planes on the school's aerodrome. The gunners are aboard and the pilots are marching to their machines ready to take off. One day these men will be the backbone of long-range bomber crews.

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Special pictures taken by a "Herald" staff photographer this week to illustrate the rapid growth of aircraft production in Australia. The above picture shows a corner of the production line of Wackett training aircraft in the Melbourne factory of the Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation. Wirraway aircraft are also produced in these works and test pilots are kept busy every day with new machines. Wackett training aircraft, of Australian design, are a low-wing monoplane of good training performance.