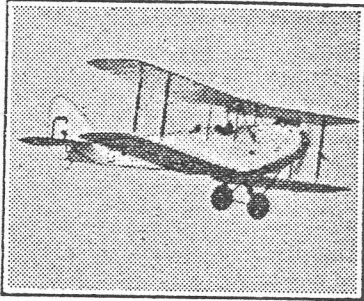


JANUARY 25, 1928

# 18 MOTH PLANES FOR DEFENCE

## Eight Will Be Built In Australia

### FEDERAL ORDER



A De Havilland Moth

NEGOTIATIONS have been almost completed by the Federal Government, it is understood, for the purchase of 10 Moth aeroplanes from the De Havilland Aircraft Co., at a cost of about £800 each, and for the construction of an additional eight Moths in Australia.

The negotiations with the company to enable tenders to be called for the construction of eight 'planes here, is the first definite step by the Government since the announcement of its determination to assist aeroplane construction in this country.

Declaring last year he had authorised substantial additions to existing Air Force equipment, the Minister for Defence (Sir William Glasgow) said he was hopeful of making arrangements for the manufacture in Australia of some of the new equipment.

Conferences between the company and Defence authorities have been held over a period, and it is expected a contract for delivery of the Moths will be arranged with the company shortly.

#### Used for Training

The machines will be used by the R.A.A.F. for training purposes, and will be distributed to Air Force centres. They will be a welcome addition to the present fleet of well-used aircraft. Civil aviation will benefit also.

As Australia cannot rely always on overseas countries for her supply of aeroplanes, and this would be demonstrated in time of a war, it is held that any Government assistance towards the establishment of the aeroplane manufacturing industry will result in a big strengthening of the country's defence.

A7 general: purchase of 10 Moth aircraft from de Havilland announced by Minister of Defence, Sir William Glasgow, eight to be built in Australia, January 25 1928; picture of line up at Point Cook; inspection of No 68 Ground Staff Technical Squadron at Brisbane by Director of Air Training Corps

—AND FOR R.A.A.F.  
TRAINING SQUADRONS

AS we go to press we are advised that a cable has been received from The de Havilland Aircraft Pty., Ltd., in Melbourne, reporting an order from the Australian Government for twelve Moths for the equipment of the training squadrons of the Royal Australian Air Force.

The decision to standardise on the Moth has been taken after long and careful consideration, during which several able and distinguished officers of the Commonwealth Force have tried out practically every type of training aircraft available. Exhaustive flying tests have been made, and each type has been carefully scrutinised from the maintenance and economy of operation point of view. It is, therefore, a fitting testimony to the Moth as a training aeroplane that the final selection has fallen upon it.

The machines will be shipped from England in a knocked down state, and will be erected at the Company's Assembly Depot at Essendon Aerodrome.

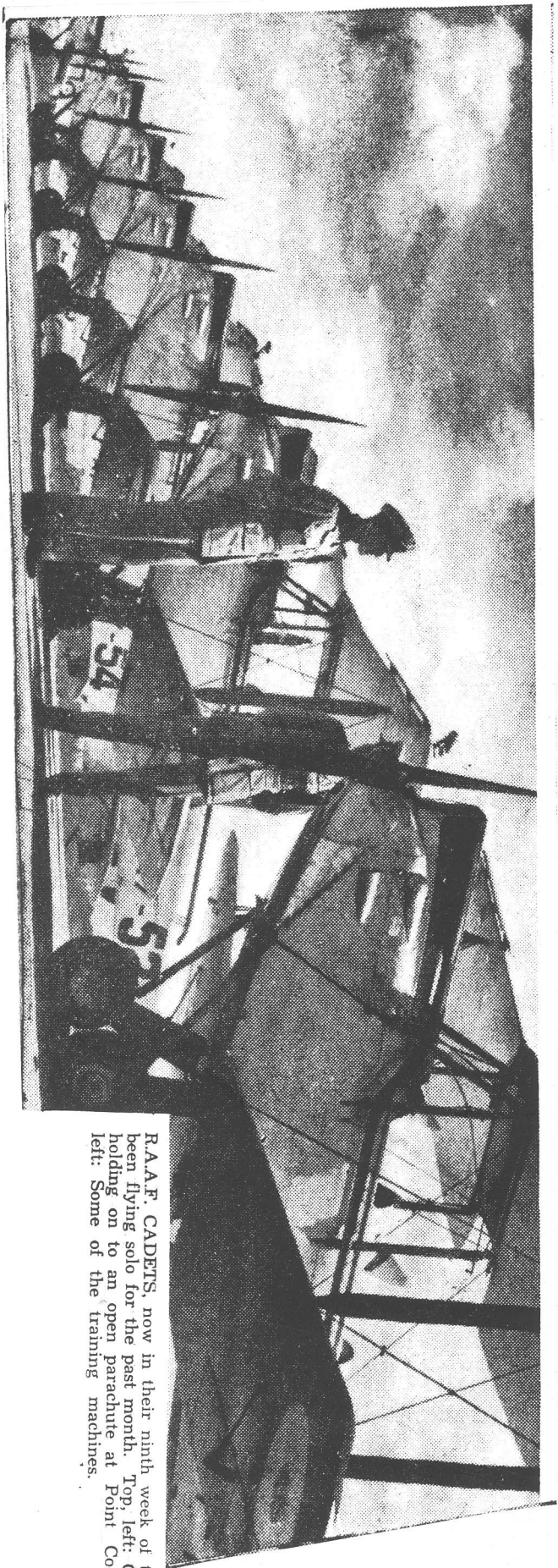
MOTH MACHINES ORDERED.

MELBOURNE, January 26.

In order to replace a number of Avro machines which have performed long service for the Royal Australian Air Force, the Defence Department has ordered 18 new "Moth" aeroplanes, 10 of which will be purchased from the De Havilland Aircraft Company. The remaining eight probably will be manufactured in Australia.

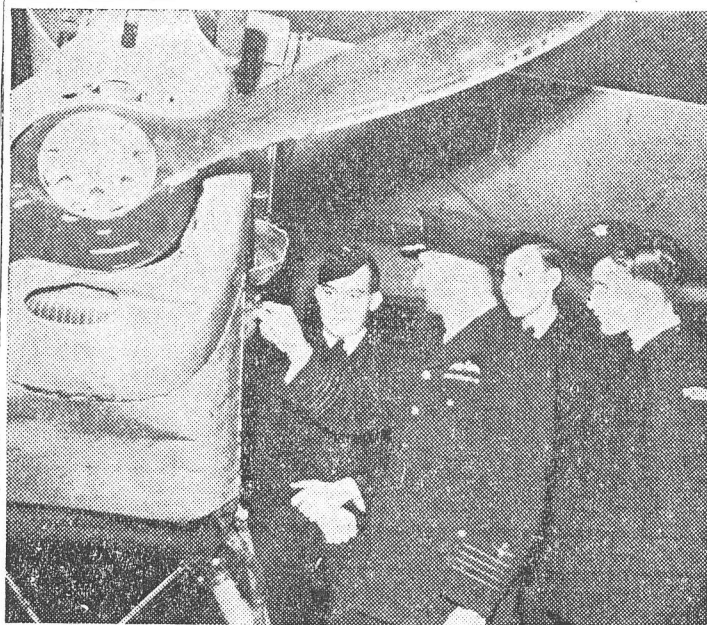
The imported machines will cost about £800 each. They will be used for training purposes. It is considered that as these machines embody the latest features of aeroplane control valuable experience will be gained by their use. Importance is also attached to the decision to begin the manufacture of aeroplanes in Australia.

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R.A.A.F. CADETS, now in their ninth week of training, have been flying solo for the past month. Top, left: Cadet Podg holding on to an open parachute at Point Cook. Low left: Some of the training machines.

## ★ Inspection ★



The Director of the Air Training Corps of the RAAF (Group Captain W. Robertson) visited No. 68 (Ground Staff Technical) Squadron in Brisbane last night at the start of his tour of Queensland units of the corps.