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R.A.F. EXPANSION

AIRCRAFT BUILDING ACTIVITY.

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Brough, Yorkshire, is humming with industry. At least, that part of

it occupied by these extensive aircraft works. Fifty

Blackburn 'sharks' are just approaching completion. The 'shark' is

a general purpose machine, built for, and in

accordance with the Government's specifications. It indicates Britain's determination

to keep her tail up in the air. Special safety

devices are incorporated. The fuselage

is divided into water-tight compartments which will keep the machine afloat even in a

rough sea. Bombs up to fifteen-hundred

pounds may be carried, if necessary.

For storage in ships, they have folding wings, operated

by simple hydraulic levers. They can fly as land, or sea machines. This batch

of fifty first line aircraft is a small part

of the Royal Air Force's program of expansion.

Each machine is carefully tested by expert pilots. This one is pushing

its nose into the air for the first time. So, air trespassers, beware sharks !