

THE CA-2 WAS THE PROTOTYPE OF THE CA-6 WACKETT TRAINER, DEVELOPED BY COMMONWEALTH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION JUST PRIOR TO WWII. THE WACKETT WAS ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO BE POWERED BY THE DE HAVILLAND GYPSY ENGINE AS IN THE CA-2 PROTOTYPE SHOWN ON THIS PLAN.INITIAL FLIGHT TESTS PROVED THE CA-2 WAS UNDERPOWERED, SO THE ENGINE WAS CHANGED TO A GYPSY MAJOR. THE GYPSY MAJOR WAS TOO HEAVY AND THE PRODUCTION MODEL WACKETTS DESIGNATED CA-6) WERE EVENTUALLY POWERED BY A WARNER SCARAB RADIAL ENGINE. TWO CA-2 PROTOTYPES WERE FLOWN, A3-01 AND A3-02 (THESE CODES WERE LATER CHANGED TO A3-1001 AND A3-1002).

