

BACK FROM MIDDLE EAST



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irreverently as "the Dago Push." He was in tigerish fighting up beyond Thermoplæ, escaped from Crete by the skin of his teeth, and experienced some of the hardest fighting of the Libya campaign. His own account of how he received his wound is that he was "beating a strategic retreat" when a mortar landed crump a few yards from him. The nose-cap, or some superfluous piece of metal, landed on his foot, but the bomb didn't explode. If it had exploded, says Bruno, it would have been a different story.

In his spare time, Bruno has made a name for himself as a cartoonist. His work has been printed regularly in the *N.Z.E.F. Times*, which christened him the "Bruce Bairnsfather of the N.Z.E.F.," and a collection of his cartoons will be printed shortly under the title of *Fritzriegs*.

TALKS to women by Mrs. Alison Grant-Robinson, who is known here as a journalist and poet, are now being given in the morning sessions from 2YA on Wednesdays. Mrs. Robinson has been off the beaten track—slept on the Embankment, sold matches in London—and her talks will draw on her most interesting experiences. She wrote a number of articles for *The Listener* some time ago. At 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 18, she will talk about "My London: Reading Adventure."

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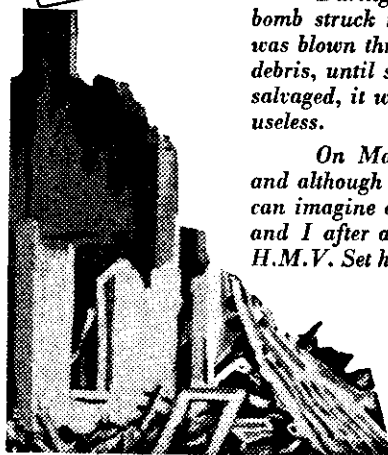
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21st May, 1941.

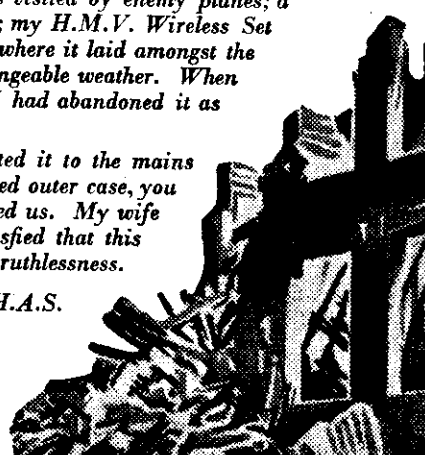
During a night in March our town was visited by enemy planes; a bomb struck the house in which I was living; my H.M.V. Wireless Set was blown through a 9 in. wall into the street where it laid amongst the debris, until salvaged, for 10 days in very changeable weather. When salvaged, it was treated very roughly because I had abandoned it as useless.

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