

## Nice Work—And Do They Get It!

(By Berton Braley, in an Australian Services Publication)

"THE Engineers  
Have hairy ears"  
—And hairy, harried faces;  
Robust and rough,  
They do their stuff  
In all the toughest places



FOR they're the babies who take the raps,  
The boobs who probe for the booby-traps,  
The scouts ahead of the scouting lines  
Cutting the wire and hunting mines.  
And they are the playboys, gay and bright,  
Who crack pillboxes with dynamite,  
And they are the fellers who fell the trees,  
While the bullets hum like a hive of bees.

THE Engineers!  
They grease the gears  
That army transport runs on,  
And foot by foot  
Build roads they put  
The trucks and tanks and guns on.

THEY are the buckos who buck a way  
Through stubborn granite and sticky clay.  
With pick and shovel they break their backs  
After (and under) the bomb-attacks.  
They drill for water through desert dunes  
And over the rivers they toss pontoons.  
They slap down runways in fields of mud  
(And some of the ooze is the ooze of blood)

THE Engineers  
Are cavaliers  
Who joust with logs and boulders,  
A task that's done  
With half a ton  
Of junk upon their shoulders.

FOR they are the lugs who lug the most  
Of loads that land on a hostile coast,  
And they are the guys, when equipment fails,  
Who scratch out a ditch with their finger nails.  
You find them up in the mountain crags  
And down in the jungle clearing snags  
Where the moccasins coil and the snipers lurk  
—Engineers, doing the dirty work!



LT. SIDNEY J. BARTOS, of Waimate, who was recently awarded the Military Cross (for being mainly responsible for the capture of a large enemy barge and the annihilation of its crew at Tambama Bay), was assistant accountant at 3ZB before he joined the Army. He is a Fellow of Trinity College, London, and his fine baritone voice was well known to 3ZB listeners

### Stories of Scientists

A NEW series of programmes at the Commercial stations is *The March of Science*. This will be heard on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8.0 p.m. Station 2ZB will start presentation on Tuesday, December 14, with the other Commercial stations following on successive Tuesdays. In this series listeners will hear the stories of Alexander Graham Bell, Robert Fulton, Louis Pasteur, Christopher Columbus, James Watt, Charles Goodyear, Samuel Morse and several other great scientists, explorers and inventors.

### Musical Illustrations

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