# The Miracle of Wireless

THIS HAPPENED BEFORE THE WAR

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There was once a nightingale who sang more beautifully than any nightingale had ever sung before; she was certainly the queen of all nightingales. A great poet had discovered her deep in the forest of the Bavarian mountains.

Everywhere this poet sang a hymn of praise of the little nightingale, and as he was a great and very famous poet, people the world over read with great interest what he had to say about the magic voice of the insignificant troubadour.

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We want to hear it, they said. Thereupon a famous broadcasting company sent its engineers up into the Bavarian mountains to instal a microphone servertly, very carefully, so thatthe already world renowned nightingale should on no account notice it. They crept very closely to the old elder tree from which she sang her love song every evening. Over the microphone they hung a few scented sprays of blossom in order to conceal the glitter of the metal. The great transmission took place the next, day. All wireless companies the world over had asked to be allowed to relay the magic song of the little bird. Gramophone records were to be taken. It was a really important experiment in broadcasting, station listened, carefut that he should not miss the right moment, people in countries thousands of miles away turned the knobs of their sets to tune in to a unique programme. At the right time, the tuning of a few controls and the festival concert died away, to be succeeded by the beautifupure notes of the nightingale. It was movingly simple that little song, full of melodious sweetness, a refreshing plane from the blare of a concert or chestra, that even the sober engineers of the broadcasting station it little song, full of the broadcasting station stood enraptured. "Marvellous" said one, how the high frequency comes thr...

He got no further. The syllable stuck in his throat, for from the loud speaker, there suddenly came a long, agly, extremely unmusical humming which drowned the delicate voice of the mightingale. It was an extremely awknown moment. There was humming in a world transmission. What was to be done? The chief technician rushed to the control panel, put on the lead phones, connected both plugs-direct to the cable which ran to the distant to descend, so 240 cycles would be 240 vibrations per second, a was pilot cycles and you have it. (To be continned.)

microphone, and shook his head despairingly. "The humming is coming through alright." That was bad. They waited another few minutes—perhaps the humming would stop—but it went on. Thus the novel world transmission had to be interrupted prematurely, "on account of electrical disturbances." It was very disappointing. Only the engineers still sat and listened.

"Perhaps the wind is blowing into the microphone," one suggested. "Or perhaps some small boy has discovered the microphone and is humming into it, advised another. But this explanation didn't seem reasonable for was not the microphone very carefully indeen and covered with sprays of blossoms. "With what?" The chief technician sprang up humming the disturbing note and nurried from the room. Somewhere in an empty studio he could be heard striking notes on a piano. When he returned, he was not humming any more.

"How many cycles is B below middle C," he asked?

"240" answered the sound controller.

"That explains everything," replied

### Things We Want to Know

Which R.O.O. was so Reen on his job that he arose at 0430? Did he meet a lady?

What made the Y Bloke blush when told that Mem'ries live longer than Dreams? . .

Which efficer was embarrassed during the singing of "Dolores."

Why was Sgt. Mist under the water tower with three girls last Sunday

What did the Y Bloke hope to see that he knelt on the floor during the finale?

Why did Sgt. Baird insist on blankets in the trucks Wednesday?

Has Gnr. Pottinger a weakness for the name June?

Were 4th in trouble with dive-ombers last night?

Does a C.P.O. of 4th think his new I/C looks after him?

Has a certain B.C. found his pipe?

What is the time of flight for charge Three. What does the flying? Did anyone have to bail out?

Was the Hawke's Bay earthquake felt in Linton? 

Who had a watery back after barking?

Which T.S.M. in 4th was caught ambling through the Square Gardens on Friday evening? Was it fresh air he was after?

What does L/Bdr. Murphy of 5 know bout "88"?

What made a certain new Sgt. of 5th jittery when he heard visitors were coming to the camp last Sunday? A bit close to the "bone," Roy?

Did the "Y" Bloke leave another officer gnashing his teeth while he saw this officer's girl friend off at the station last Saturday morning?

Which signal expert talked about aying down a hook-up?

Who was involved in the episode of tanding on mythical street corners for ndefinite lengths of time? Whose girl riend was also involved?

Who is the 14 stoner who rides a 6 tone motor bike?

Who is the tone motor bike?

When was the "Y" Bloke told to wash his face, and why?

Which senior officer couldn't hit the target with a pea-shooter?

many of someone's left-overs

How many of someone's left-overs did a certain senior officer dance with?

Which short fair sergeant is playing tennis continuously with a short brunette? Is this leading to a short engagement?

Was it 10

Was it 10 pretty girls or was it 11 that led a certain subaltern astray last Saturday night? We regret to say that there were no saucy little red-heads.

Did a certain junior officer require any assistance during his long, long, LONG wait on Saturday morning early?

In what way does R.H.Q. resemble the Grand Old Duke of York?

Which S/M of experience needs less-

Which S/M of experience needs lessons in dressing? Did he anchor his braces to the ditch?

good cricket in him if he would only step out.

S.M. Winks, of the 4th, has been skipper and has a hard job on his hands not knowing his men, and besides making some mistakes, has made some shrewd moves.

Kelly, of the 5th, has proved him-6 self behind the wickets as has been seen by the low figures of byes.

Juniors

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## The Bet Was Sound

Mitsubishi Type 97 Torpedo-Bomber.

—This aircraft is replacing the earlier Makajima Type 96. Both types were used in the raid on Pearl Harbour. It bears a close resemblance to the United States Navy's Devastator torpedo-bomber, but may be recognised by the slope and shape of the tail unit. It is one of the Japanese types most likely to appear over New Zealand. This is the story of a New Zealander who joined the Air Force and who was being taught how to make a graceful parachute landing from an aeroplane. As he moved towards the acroplane from which he was to make his initial descent he was told his "harness" included two parachutes and that nothing happened when he pulled the rip-cord of the first he was to pull the rip-cord of the second. He was also told that he would have to make his "jump" over a certain cross-roads and that when he landed he would find himself near an Air Force truck in which he would return to camp. Having had experience of State control in New Zealander, was prepared to carry out his orders. The plane took off and in due course the pilot said: "This is where you 'fade.'" The parachutist, the son of an Anzac, "faded," and after a couple of loops he pulled one of the rip-cords. Nothing happened, he-cause the parachute did not open "according to plan," as the Army Corps commanders have it when anything goes wrong. The En Zedder then pulled the second rip-cord and, again, nothing happened. He was now travelling earthwards at 743 miles an hour and gathering speed very, very quickly. His last thought was: "I'I'l bet they have forgotten to send the truck."

The Man's Shop in THE SQUARE,

Principal Structural Features.—It is a single-engined low wing monoplane, with retractable undercarriage. The taper of the wings is uniform on both edges, the tips are rounded, and there is a large wing-root fairing on the trailing edge. The engine is a radial and the fuselage is rather slim, with a "conservatory" extending from above the leading edge of the wing to about half-way along the fuselage. The fin and rudder, which are on top of the fuselage, and a curved trailing edge. Each side of the horizontal tail surfaces has the same general slope as the fin and rudder, but is rather longer and narrower with less curve on the trailing edge. There is no cut-out and the end of the fuselage projects a short distance behind the tail-plane. The main wheels retract, but the tail-wheel is fixed.

Special Recognition Points.—Tapered wings with rounded tips and large fairing; "conservatory" on ftiselage.

Dimensions.—Span 50ft, longth 35ft.

Mitsubishi Type 96 Dive-bomber.—Like the Nakajima type 96 torpedobomber (described in an earlier article) this aircraft is an older type which may, however, still be used by the naval air service of the Japanese. Lady: "I think I'll take one of those large lobsters." Clerk: "Very well. Shall I wrap it for you?" Lady: "Yes, it doesn't know me well Lady: "Yes, it doesn't know me well enough to follow me home." Give Dad TIES this Xmas! Several weeks went by, then Bluey began to wear a worried look.
When we inquired the "waffor" of this, he said: "It's the wife. If I don't send her name money she's going to sue me for resuscitation of convivial nights!" and scores of popular colourings and designs. PRICES

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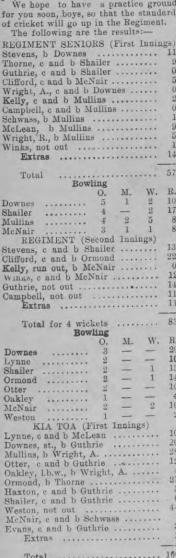
How to Recognise Aircraft

The orderly officer received a complaint about the issue of bread.

"Soldiers should not make a fuss about trivialities, my man," he cried.

"If Napole on had had that bread when he was crossing the Alps, he'd have enten it with delight."

"Yes, sir," said the Lance-Corporal, "but it was fresh then."



The Seniors were defeated by Kia Toa in the first innings and the Juniors, after a hard tussle, were defeated by three runs in the first innings. Both games were enjoyed by our boys, being played in a true sporting spirit.

We hope to have a practice ground for you soon, boys, so that the standard of cricket will go up in the Regiment.
The following are the results:—

REGIMENT SENIORS (First Innings)
Stevens, b Downes 11
Thorne, c and b Shailer 9
Guthrie, c and b Shailer 9
Guthrie, c and b MeNair 5
Wright, A., c and b Downes 0
Kelly, c and b Mullins 2
Campbell, c and b Mullins 9
Schwass, b Mullins 1
McLean, b Mullins 9
Wright, R., b Mullins 5
Wright, R., b Mullins 6
Downes 5 1 2 10
Shailer 4 — 2 17
MeNeily 1
Shailer 4 2 5 8
Sharp, c and b Horablow ... R.M.T. (First Innings)

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R. Sullivan, c and b Nichol

Taylor, I.b.w., b Kaye

Mansford, b Kaye

Sharp, c and b Hornblow

Bryan, c and b Quinlan

McNeily, b Quinlan

Simes, c and b Kaye

Smith, b Hansen

Strang, c and b Kaye

Menew, not out

Leete, b Hansen

Extras Total Bowling O. 83 R. Goldsack ....
20 Wilson
10 Kaye ....
13 Nichol ....
14 Hornblow ....
10 Murphy
4 Quinlan ....
10 Hansen ....

Regimental Cricket

Bowling

O. M. W. R. Useful as an all-rounder, especially his bowling, keeping good length and the kaye 7 - 4 37 batsmen quiet.

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Hansen 2 - 2 10 Hansen and Quinkan of 4th, show that they are capable of big things, and will bear watching for the future.

Bishop of the LA.D., is another boy worth watching, a good all-rounder and capable of good cricket.

The following will represent the Regiment on Saturday:—
Sevens, the 6th boy, has proved that the season goes on.

Guthrie, the 5th boy, showed how he could tie up the batsmen with his bowling. He is a good all-rounder.

Clifford is showing that he has some diately.