The "All-Red" Wireless Chain DETAILS OF THE MARCONI PROPOSAL.

[Public interest in the Empire's "wireless" needs has been stimulated recently by the announcement, in London, of a proposal submitted by Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Ltd.; and while the reader has already learned from his daily newspaper that the project is of considerable magnitude and provides for a network of wireless stations to serve the entire British Empire, it is reserved for Sea, Land and Air to publish the full particulars.

The urgent need for more lines of communication is emphasised-particularly here in the Antipodes-by the seriously congested "traffic" on submarine cables which link the scattered outposts of Empire one with another, and each with Great Britain. Additional cables can, and probably will, be laid, but the cost of that full extension and duplication which alone could relieve the abnormal stress is altogether prohibitive and one must seek cheaper methods. Further, the demand for increased means of inter-Imperial communication, so vital to the development of our postwar trade, makes essential a wide extension of those clogged arteries upon which we are now forced to depend.

In peace one must consider expense and efficiency, especially the latter, for all inefficiency is waste-whether in our national or commercial affairs; in war we face the possible dislocation or interruption of cable services by enemy action. Wireless telegraphy provides an independent means, not open to these objections, of establishing and maintaining a chain of rapid communications throughout the British Empire, and with its equally important links-the ships at sea. The knowledge gained, and the great advances made, in this science during the war render possible the design of a system which can be guaranteed to give, between any two points, a service at least equal to that of a cable. The sole advantage remaining with the latter is that of greater secrecy in transmission; but this applies only to strategic and political messages-for all commercial purposes present-day wireless is sufficiently secret.

The principles, which the Marconi Company suggests as desirable in the preparation of an Empire-wide scheme of wireless communications, are fully detailed hereunder.-Ed.]

(A) GENERAL PRINCIPLES.

routes be provided, as will enable England to obtain wireless communication with any part of the Empire.

(2) That any part of the Empire be capable of communicating with any ship suitably equipped with modern wireless receivers, in whatever sea she be; roughly speaking, between latitude 60° N. and 50° S.

(3) That no submarine cable be relied upon to form part of this network of communications.

(4) That the use of land telegraph lines be, as far as possible, avoided; and that these lines be restricted to the passage of messages between the public and the nearest wireless station.

(5) That, where alternative routes are available; such as between England and South Africa, viâ the East Coast, or West Coast; both routes be provided.

(6) That, on the trunk routes, automatic transmission and reception at a speed of not less than one hundred words per minute be provided; and that separate transmitting and receiving stations be

duplexed, i.e., available for simultaneous (1) That such trunk routes and branch transmission and reception.

.(7) That as much foreign traffic as possible be attracted to the network, in order that the system be at least self-supporting as a commercial enterprise; it being understood that preferential treatment could be accorded to British traffic. Such an arrangement would clearly be politically and strategically advantageous to the Empire.

(B) CONSTRUCTION OF NETWORK.

In order to construct the wireless network in accordance with the principles. above enumerated, it is proposed that the final aims should be as follow :----

(1) That Main Trunk Stations be erected for communication over long distances. (It may not be necessary to erect all the Main Trunk Stations immediately.)

(2) That no Trunk Station be required. to communicate with more than one corresponding station; and that, in consequence, each country be provided with a separate Trunk Station for each route to which it forms a terminal.

(3) That, in a country which forms theterminal of more than one route, the erected, in order that the service may be various Trunk Transmitting Stations be-

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mutual induction will allow; and that, ansmitting Area in any country.

(4) That, in conjunction with the Trunk Fansmitting Area, smaller transmitting stations be erected, to serve as Main Feeder ansmitting Stations; and that they be related within one Main Feeder Transitting Area. (5) That all Trunk Receiving Stations

and Main Feeder Receiving Stations be situated close together within a Main Receiving Area.

(6) That the Main Trunk Transmitting Area, Main Feeder Transmitting Area, and Man Receiving Area, be operated by means of inderground cables from a Central Control Office.

(7) That the Central Control Office be situated in a convenient telegraph centre of the country (e.g., London, in the case of England); and that, in order to reduce to a minimum the length of underground cables, the transmitting and receiving areas be situated as near thereto as is consistent with efficient duplexing, cost of land, etc.

(8) That each Main Feeder Station be designed to communicate with one or more mrresponding Local Feeder Stations; and that each Local Feeder Station comprise two transmitting stations and two receiving stations all operated from one building, one pair for communication with the Main Feeder Station and the other pair for communication with the various coastal and other small local stations in the neighbourhood of the Local Feeder Station. (See diagram overleaf.)

(9) That Trunk and Feeder Stations employ continuous, or "undamped" waves for the transmission of signals.

(10) That, also, small local stations employ continuous waves.

(11) That, if found desirable in the future, arrangements be made to link up the proposed point-to-point network of "fixed" stations with any existing system of "mobile" stations which may be in use to maintain communication with units at sea or in the air.

(12) That, if desirable, arrangements be made at any of the stations to devote a reasonable time in each twenty-four hours

* When two or more wireless stations are operated in a small area, the reactionary effect arising therefrom is known as mutual induction.-Ed.

erected as close together as avoidance of to sending messages at hand speed to ships (where the wave length is suitable), to the sequently, there be only one Trunk sending out of scientific and ordinary time signals, and to similar services; it being understood, however, that Main Trunk Stations should not be expected to send to ships not specially fitted to receive the long waves which these stations must employ. (It must be borne in mind that; as the earning power per minute of such stations working at automatic speed would be considerable; and as, therefore, it would be commercially most undesirable to use them except for their normal services, so far as possible, such subsidiary services should be performed by the Main or Local Feeder Stations.)

(C) DESIGNS OF STATIONS.

Without entering too deeply into technichal details, the general principles which, it is submitted, should govern the design of the stations, may be indicated.

Choice of Sites.

Modern wireless telegraphy gives great latitude in the choice of the position ofstations. Ranges are so great that a few miles more or less are of no importance.

It is recognised that it is undesirable to select sites which are exposed to hostile attack by sea or air; and the use of isolated places, small islands, and similarly vulnerable spots, is as undesirable from a commercial, as it is from a strategic, point of view.

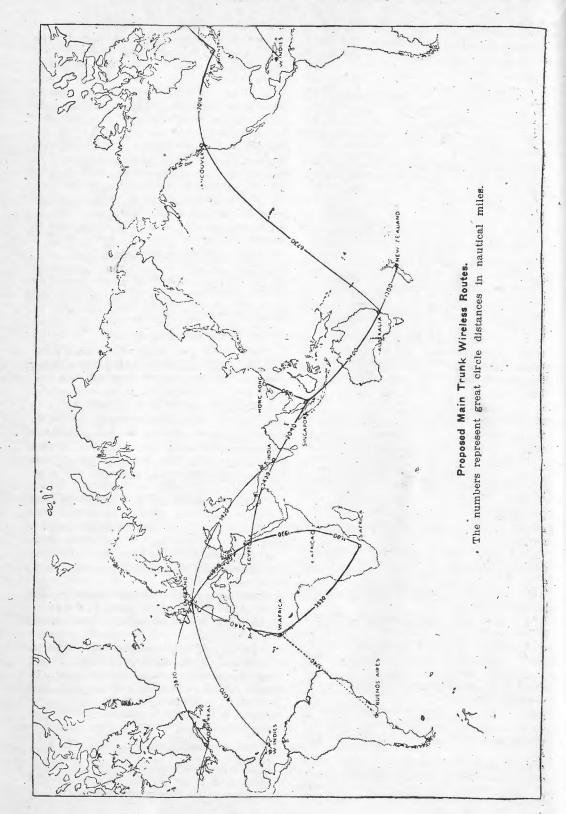
It is proposed that the localities of all important stations should be selected in conference between the Company's engineers, and officers of the fighting Services. The localities having been decided upon;

the choice of actual sites must be left to technical experts.

Masts, and large buildings required for housing the power plant, would necessarily be exposed to aerial attack; but there would be no objection to providing a certain amount of bomb-proof accommodation at stations, such as the English Trunk Stations, which are specially liable to attack. At such stations; the provision of alternative power supply, sufficient to carry on vital war communications after a successful air attack, would be considered.

Wave-Lengths.

It has been mentioned that each Trunk Station and Main Feeder Station should communicate with only one corresponding



to be conducted on a fixed wave length; and the whole question of allotment of wave lengths, with a view to enabling the requisite number of stations to work without mutual interference, would necessitate the most careful consideration.

This matter is clearly an international one, as the ranges of stations are now so great. The technical advances made by the engineers of the Company make the stations referred to in this Proposal practically independent of the actions of other nations. is clearly, however, of the greatest importance that a claim should be made at the. earliest possible moment to the various waves required to carry out this service.

In the event of the present Proposal for a network of communications being only partially adopted in the first instance, it is submitted that wave lengths should be allotted to all stations enumerated, in order to avoid possible changes at a later date.

Power Plant.

It is submitted that, where a thoroughly reliable source of power supply is available, the electrical energy should be purchased, and the transmission mains duplicated. Otherwise, self-contained power plant should be provided; the type chosen depending upon local conditions governing the cost of fuels, water supply, etc.

Type of Transmitter.

It is considered that the transmitters installed at the Trunk and Feeder Stations should employ a continuous, or "undamped," wave system. The advantages of continuous waves over damped waves are so thoroughly realised that stress need not be laid on this point.

The extensive employment of continuous waves has, until recently, been restricted. owing to lack of suitable methods of generating them. We have been limited to the timed spark and the arc.

Neither of these systems is very efficient, and each has its own disadvantages. Although, therefore, both systems, in the absence of any other, have proved of inestimable value in the development of continuous wave telegraphy, they can no longer be recommended, in view of the rival claims of the high-frequency alternator and of the valve.

The valve scores greatly over the arc as regards efficiency. Recent experience gained by the Company shows that, to obtain a

station. Such communication would have given aerial current in any aerial, the ratio of power put into a valve to that put into an arc on a "dash" is approximately as two is to five. The valve not only results in a saving of energy, but also, avoids the necessity of an elaborate water-cooling system. Added to this, the valve is steadier and more reliable in operation than is the arc.

> Another very great advantage of the valve over any other known continuous wave transmitter, with the exception of the timed spark, is that signalling can be effected by interruption of the load. This, not only avoids recourse to complicated precautions for the avoidance of the "spacing wave," but also results in a saving of power. As, during signalling, the load of the valve is interrupted, and that of the arc is continuous; it follows that the overall energy taken during a given period of transmission by the valve, as compared with that taken by the arc, is much less than that represented by the ratio of two to five already stated.

> Such rapid strides have been made in the development of valves, and in their application to high power working, that apparatus is already being assembled capable of dealing efficiently with an output of 100 kilowatts. The corresponding aerial power is confidently expected to be 75 kilowatts. and the design of the set is such that it can readily be adapted to three or four times this power. The figures given are only limited to the value quoted by the capabilities of the power plant to be used for this trial. Recent research with a view to the reduction of the total effective aerial resistance, without loss of radiation, leads to the expectation of an aerial current of upwards of 300 ampères.

> Such a transmitter retains all the advantages of the smaller installations in respect of prime cost, efficiency, facility of manipulation, and easy avoidance of spacing waves.

> It is important, in order that interference between stations may be avoided, that special regard be given to the elimination of harmonics. This is another consideration which operates against the employment of the arc as a transmitter.

> The problem of eliminating the higher order of harmonics produced by the valve transmitter, when working at the higher efficiencies (over 50 per cent.), has been successfully attacked by the Company's engineers.

Receiving Aerials.

the several receiving stations on one site.

The newest methods of reception invented and perfected by Mr. Franklin show such enormous improvements on previous methods as regards selectivity and avoidance of atmospheric disturbance, that but little from each other, are being reit is unnecessary to consider a service which does not make use of this invention.

The Franklin aerial is a development of the now well-known Marconi-Bellini-Tosi Direction Finder, which played so important a part in various spheres of military activity during the War. The Direction Finder enables reception, with maximum intensity, within very close limits, of signals emanating from any two opposite directions. Signals from other directions are negligible, or can easily be rendered so. The Direction Finder has, however, the drawback-if such it can be called-that the mathematical sense of the signals cannot be determined without recourse to cross bearings.

This peculiarity of the Direction Finder is avoided in the Franklin aerial, which is based on a suitable combination of Direction Finder aerials. Signals can be received, within very close limits, from any one direction; and from no other. It follows that a receiving station can be located between, and in line with, two transmitting stations; and receive signals from one, while rejecting signals from the other.

This is a point of extreme significance, and marks a new era in selectivity. Its effects, together with those resulting from the use of highly efficient and well shielded receiving circuits, from which accidental coupling effects of all kinds are eliminated ; and the "limiting" effects which can be developed by the suitable employment of valve receivers; form one of the chief contributory causes which allow the guarantees mentioned in this Proposal to be offered with confidence.

Owing to the ability of the Franklin receiving system to reject signals arriving from practically any direction other than that from which it is desired to receive, any number of receiving stations may be located on one site. No balancing aerials are required.

Even so, the erection of a large number of receiving stations on one site would entail the acquisition of a site of vast proportions, were it not for a most important property of Franklin's invention, which

enables the various receiving systems to Separate aerial systems are essential for cross one another; this being due to the absence of long horizontal aerial wires. Small frame aerials are employed, and frames pertaining to different lines of communication may be erected as close together, as 600 feet; even where long waves, differing. ceived.

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Results show that, where the Franklin type of aerial is employed, a very great reduction in atmospheric disturbance is obtained, compared with previous experience: a reduction amounting, in certain observed instances, to as much as ninety per cent.

So great is the importance of the Franklin aerial that the scheme of wireless communications outlined in this Proposal depends fundamentally upon its adoption.

Central Control Office.

An enormous amount of unnecessary work is avoided by the adoption of a Central Control Office. No staff of telegraphists is necessary either at the transmitting or receiving stations, other than that required for the care of the plant and instruments. Reception from the land lines, and retransmission by wireless, at the transmission stations; and reception by wireless, and retransmission on the land lines, at the receiving stations; is entirely eliminated.

In addition, the exchange of service messages between the operating staffs at the various transmitting and receiving stations is avoided, as all the operating staff is located under one roof. The land lines connecting the various stations are, therefore, kept free from a quantity of unremunerative traffic. The ease of control, and consequent saving of time, are too apparent to need further comment.

The organisation of a Central Control Office presents no practical difficulty. The operation of transmitting plants from a distance has been proved to be perfectly reliable in practice. As regards the relaying of received wireless signals through underground cables to a Central Control Office; recent experiments, carried out over some 130 miles of ordinary Post Office land-line in poor condition, show that this is an undertaking which can safely be relied upon to give satisfactory results.

(D) PROPOSED ROUTES AND BRANCHES.

Scheme of Trunk Routes.

Route 1.--England to India, and thence to Singapore, Australia and New Zealand, with a branch from Singapore to Hong Kong.

Route 2.-England to Egypt, and thence to East Africa, and South Africa.

Route 2a.-England to Egypt, and thence to India, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand.

Route 3.- England to West Africa, and thence to South Africa; with a branch from West Africa to South America.

Route. 4.- England to West Indies.

Route 5.- England to Montreal, and thence to Vancouver.

Route 6.-Australia to Vancouver (only night service to begin with).

- The above will necessitate the following Main Trunk Stations :---
 - In England: Five.
 - In Egypt: Three.
- In India : Three.
- In East Africa : Two.
- In Montreal: Two.
- In Vancouver: Two.
- In South Africa: Two.
- In West Indies: One.
- In West Africa: Two (and one Auxiliary Trunk Station for South America).
- In Singapore: Two (and one Auxiliary
- Trunk Station for Hong Kong). In Australia: Two (connection-to New

Zealand by Main Feeder Station). Scheme of Feeder Stations.

The number of Main Feeder Stations provided in each country will depend upon the number of Local Feeder Stations required, and may, from time to time, as the requirements of the service warrant, be increased; without in any way affecting the scheme of Trunk Stations.

In some instances, existing stations might be utilised as Feeder Stations, if no longer kequired by the Governments concerned. It is estimated that the following Feeder

Stations would be required as a start :---

- In England: A Feeder Station for each European Capital in which a station may be erected for communication with England; also any additional Feeder Stations which may be required for Government services.
- In Egypt: Feeder Stations for Malta, Gibraltar, Khartoum and other places in the interior; Greece, Turkey, Bulgaria, Roumania, etc.
- In India: Feeder Stations for Ceylon, and Karachi, and such others as

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ternal traffic. The number eventually erected would be determined by strategic considerations and by the extent to which existing Feeder Stations were loaded.

- In Singapore: Feeder stations for the Straits Settlements, Malay Archipelago, Philippines, etc.
- In Australia: Feeder Stations for New Zealand, and for each important city of the Commonwealth.
- In East Africa: Feeder Stations for Zanzibar, Mombasa, Uganda, and North-Eastern Rhodesia.
- In South Africa: A Feeder Station for each important town in South Africa.
- In West Africa: Feeder Stations for Sierra Leone, and such other areas as may be provided with local stations.
- In West Indies: Feeder Stations to embrace Jamaica, British Honduras, British Guiana, Trinidad, Bahamas, Bermuda, Virgin Islands. Windward Islands, and Leeward Islands. So far as possible traffic from Central and South American States should also be carried by this line.
- In Canada: Feeder Stations for Western, and Eastern communication.

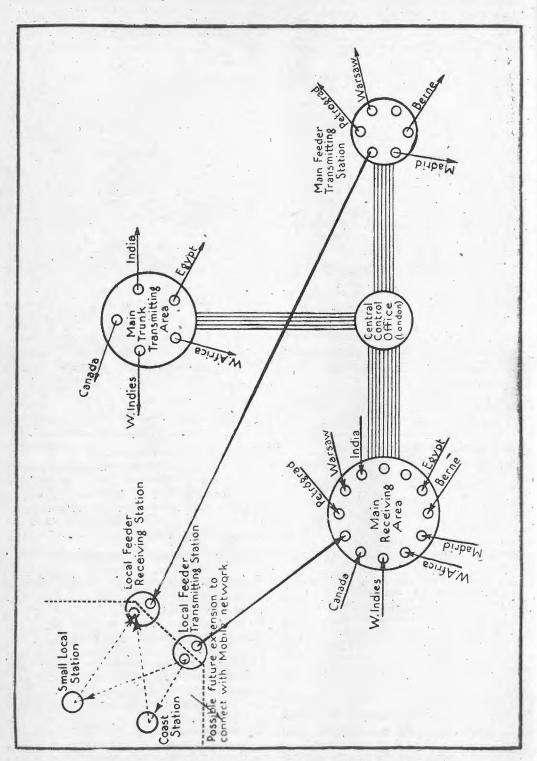
Local Networks.

The purely internal communications of each State or Colony would be catered for by a network of small inter-communicating stations, adapted to meet the requirements of the country; provision being made for efficient connection with the Main Network.

Number of Stations.

It will be noted that the foregoing Proposal allows for 26 Main Trunk Stations. Once the suggestions contained in this Proposal have been generally approved, it will be necessary for details to be discussed, in consultation between the Company's engineers and representatives of the Government and the Dominions concerned. Until this stage has been reached, it is not possible to arrive at a trustworthy estimate of the total number of stations of all kinds which the carrying out of the network would involve.

In order, however, to give a rough idea of the magnitude of the scheme, and also to establish a basis for the calculation of personnel to be provided for, the followmay be found necessary for in- ing figures are tentatively submitted :---



Diagrammatic Representation of English Wireless Stations. The communications shown are not necessarily to be adopted. stations, 100 Local Feeder Stations, and should be completed in detail during peace 200 Small Local Stations.

(E) PERSONNEL. Estimate.

In Tables I. to VIII. will be found an analysis of the personnel which it is estimated will be required for running the full network of stations. The basis adopted for this estimate is that there will be 30 Main Trunk Stations, 50 Main Feeder Stations, 100 Local Feeder Stations, and 200 Small Local Stations.

Such stations would naturally be unevenly distributed among the various countries comprised in the scheme. In order to arrive at an accurate estimate of personnel, each country should, therefore, be considered separately. This procedure would, however, involve such a mass of detail, that it is felt it would be out of place in a preliminary proposal such as that contained in these pages.

It has, therefore, been assumed, for the sake of simplicity, that there will be 10 countries; each containing 3 Main Trunk Stations, 5 Main Feeder Stations, 10 Local eder Stations, and 20 Small Local Stations.

It will be observed that the total number of men required is very large. It is, of course, impossible to forecast what it will be at any far distant date; but annual returns could be rendered if desirable.

The proportion of wireless operators, in the accepted sense of the word (that is to say, fully qualified operators possessing Postmaster General's Certificates), is small; on account of the large proportion of work done by automatic means.

Subsequent to an outbreak of war, the men operating automatic apparatus could be replaced by women, or old and unfit men; but they would first have to be trained. For this reason, a training staff has been included in the estimate.

A considerable staff would be required in the office of the General Manager of the network. No attempt has, however, been made to include such staff in the estimate personnel; owing to the difficulty of riving at even an approximate estimate, til discussion of the scheme is further advanced.

Organisation.

the recent struggle as to the vital import- they must on no account be removed from ance of good communications in war-time, their duties on mobilisation; and that no

30 Main Trunk Stations, 50 Main Feeder it is considered that war organisation time; so that it may be assumed, without confusion or delay, in time of national emergency. For this reason, it is proposed that the following should form the basis of such organisation, in so far as personnel is concerned :----

All persons concerned in the network system (other than native servants, cooks, messengers, labourers, etc.) must be British subjects.

All white men must be members of a Naval or Military reserve force, and capable of immediate mobilisation in ranks comparable with the positions which they hold at their stations. It should be observed that such mobilisation would have to be carried out with discretion; as it is obviously most desirable that, not only all stations in British Territory, but also, all stations on foreign soil linked up with the Imperial network, should be retained in full working order. It is equally obvious that it would be impossible to mobilise the personnel of such stations; unless the country concerned happened to be, or to become, an ally.

The action to be taken by the crews of stations in countries which happened to become enemies, would have to be decided by the Government, and reviewed periodically. Complete war orders would doubtless be framed, and issued under seal, together with any necessary code books.

It is considered that the Government should decide to which service the system should be attached; as it appears to be convenient that it should be controlled, in times of national emergency, by the Government Department most actively concern in the use of wireless telegraphy.

In Table IX, will be found a list of personnel, derived from the estimates contained in the previous tables. The list has been arranged in accordance with status in the Company's service, but what are considered to be the equivalent naval and military ranks have been appended in parallel columns. It should be observed that, as all ranks would continue to draw civil rates of pay, the ranks have been chosen solely on a basis of corresponding responsibility; and not with respect to the pay attaching to them.

In whatever arm the men be embodied, it In view of the experience gained during should be laid down as a first essential that

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personnel concerned therein; as well as

operators on board merchant ships; should,

without doubt, form part of the whole Re-

serve Force alluded to above, which would

automatically become part of the Imperial

part of them can be considered in any is not under review in this Proposal. The sense supplementary to the regular forces of the Crown; at any rate, until such time as others be trained in the manner already indicated.

' It is possible that the Company will, in the future, administer a more or less complete system of stations for communication resources for the successful prosecution with ships and aircraft, but such a system of war.

TABLE I.-CENTRAL CONTROL OFFICE.

(Assuming 10 Offices, each hand	dling 3 Trunk	Circuits	(100 * w.p.m.) and 5 Feeder	Circuits	(60 w.p.m.)
Duties.		-	Status in Company.		Numbers.
Territorial Manager	. per office	1	Territorial Managers		10
Assistant Manager		1 '	Superintending Engineers	3	10
Personal Staff	. ,,	• 3 \	Engineers		30
Chief Accountant	• ?;	1 2	Accountants		~ 20
Assistant Accountant	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1∫ "	Accountantes	* * * **	, ~ 10
Control Superintendent	• • • • • •	1 2	Superintending Operators		
Instructor	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	1) -	Supermeenting operators		0
Supervisors per shift 3 .	• 37	$12 \\ 15$	Chief Operators		150
Assistant Instructors	• • >>	3)			
Recorders per shift 2					4
Transcribers " 30					
Transmitters " 3 Perforators 30					
Perforators " 30 Service, Rout-	85	340	Operators		9 400
ing, Counter	· ou ,,	040	Operators	• • •.•	3,400
and Delivery					-
Clerks and					
Reliefs " 20					
Accountants' Staff, say 10%	6				
of Operators		34 .	Clerks		340
Inside Messengers		20)			
Outside Messengers		50 270	Boys	• • • •	700
		72	Words per minute.	1.00	

TABLE II .- MAIN TRUNK TRANSMITTING GROUPS.

(Assuming 10 average groups of 3 stations each.)

Duties.	Status in Company.	Number.
Engineer in charge of group		., per group 1
Assistant Engineer in charge of group	Engineer, 1st class	
Engineer in charge of Power House and Work-		
shops	Engineer	,, ,, 1
Engineers, shift	Assistant Engineers	,, ,, 4
Engine Drivers	_	
Firemen (8)		
Turner		
Fitters	and the second	
Blacksmith	Artisans	,, ,, * 26
Tinsmith and Plumber (1)		
Carpenters (2)	*	
Wiremen		
Riggers and Painters		
Storekeeper (1)		
Wages Clerk and Timekeeper (1)	Clerks	
Typist (1)		
Labourers	Labourers	,, ,, 12
Engineer in charge of station	Engineer	per station 1
Shift Engineers	Assistant Engineers	,, ,, 4
Dynamo Attendants	Technical Assistants	,,,,4
SUM	MARY.	4
Superintending Engineers .	10	· · · · ·
Engineers, 1st class	10	
Engineers	40	
Assistant Engineers	160	
Artisans	260	
Clerks		
Technical Assistants	120	
Labourers	120	

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TABLE III .- MAIN FEEDER TRANSMITTING GROUPS.

(Assuming 10 average groups of 5 stations each.)

			uties.					St	atus in Com	panj	7.			Numbe	ers.
Engineer in o	charge	of	group				 	Engineer,	1st class			1 a .	per	group	1
Registant En	gineer	' in	charg	ge o	fgi	oup	 	Engineer					,,,	27	1
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Blacksmith			~				 (1)	Artisans		• •			7.9	,,	11
			• •				 (1)								
Wireman							 (1)								
Riggers and	Paint	ers					 (2)	J							
Storekeeper						• •	 (1)	Clarks			· 、				2
Clerk							 (1)	S. CIEIRS		• •	•••	• •	,,	** •	-
Labourers							 	Labourers		• •	• •	• •	2.2	1,*	6
Engineer in	charg	e of	f stat	tion			 	Engineer		• •	5.	<i></i>	per s	tation	1
Shift Engine	ers .				· · ·		 	Assistant	Engineers		'			**	- 4
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Engineers,	1st	cla	SS	 	 	 	 	10	
Engineers				 	 	 	 .,	60	
Assistant	Eng	inee	rs	 	 	 	 	240	
Artisans									
Clerks								20	
Technical	Assi	istai	nts	 	 	 1.	 	200	
Labourers								60	

TABLE IV .- MAIN RECEIVING GROUP.

(Assuming 10 groups.)

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	Dut	ies.						Status in Company.	Number.	
Electrician in charge								Engineers, 1st class	(1) 10	F.
								Engineers		ŀ
							1	Assistant Engineers	(4) 40	ŧ
Engine Driver	•••	••	• •	••	••	• •	(1)	Artisans	(2) 20	•
Labourers	•••	•••	•••			•••		Labourers	(3) 30	ł

TABLE V .-- LOCAL FEEDER TRANSMITTING GROUPS.

(Assuming 100 groups each compring 1 25-KW. and 1 5-KW. stations.)

	Duties.				Status in Compa	any.		Nur	nber
Engineer in charge o	f group	 			Engineers		 	 (1)	100
					Assistant Engineers				800
Engine Drivers		 	·	(4)					
Fitter		 		(1)	Artisans		 • •	 (6)	600
Rigger		 		(1)					
					Technical Assistants		 	 (4)	400
					Labourers				200
					Clerks				100

TABLE VI .- LOCAL FEEDER RECEIVING GROUPS.

(Assuming 100 groups, each comprising 1 60-w.p.m. duplex circuit, and 1 hand-speed simplex circuit.)

Duties.		Status in Company.	Number.
Electrician in charge of group		Engineers	(1) 100
Shift Electricians		Assistant Engineers	(4) 400
Chief Operator	(1) }	Chief Operators	(5) 500
Supervisors	·· ·· ·· (±/)	Wireless Operators	
Perforators		Whereas Operators	(1) 100
Transcribers			
Recorders	(4) }	Operators	(34) 3,400
Transmitters			
Counter Clerks			
Mechanics	(2) {	Artisans	(3) 300
Rigger	··· ·· ·· (D)	Boys	(10) 1,000

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TABLE VII .--- SMALL LOCAL STATIONS. (Assuming 200 stations.)

		(-0 -		
	Duties.			Status in Company. Number	
Engineer in charge		 		Assistant Engineers (1) _ 200	0-
Wireless Operators		 	• •	Wireless Operators (4) 800	0
Counter Clerks		 		Operators	
Labourers		 		Labourers	0
Messengers		 		Boys	0

			TABLE	VIII.				1 11
			Main		Local			2
		Trunk "	Feeder		Feeder	Local	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	¥ —
	Central	Trans-	Trans-	Main	Trans-	Feeder	Small	
	Control	mitting	mitting	Receiving	mitting	Receiving	Local	Totals
	Office	Stations	Stations	Stations	Stations	Stations	Stations	
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Territorial Managers							2	10
Superintending En-	10	10						> 00
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Engineers, 1st class.							_	30
Engineers		40	60	40	100	100		370
Assistant Engineers		160	240	40	800	400	200	1,840
Superintending Oper-	•							
ators	20							. 20
Chief Operators	150 .				······	500	i	650
Wireless Operators		· ·				400	800	1,200
Operators	3,400					3,400	400	7,200
Accountants	20	-	_					20
Clerks	340	30	20		100			490
Technical Assistants		120	200		400			720
Artisans		260	110	20	600	300		1.290
Labourers		120	60	30	200		400	810
Boys	700			_	-00	1,000	800	2,500
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Totals	4,680	750	700 -	140	2,200	6,100	2,600	17,170

TABLE IX .- STATUS AND RANK OF PERSONNEL.

TABLE IN-OTATOO AND MAIN OF FERSONNEL.	
Status in Company. Naval Rank, * R.N.V.R. Military Rank, † T.F.	Nos.
Territorial Managers Captains Colonels	10
Superintending Engineers Commanders Lieutenant-Colonels	20
Engineers, 1st class Lieutenant-Commanders Majors	30
Engineers Lieutenants Captains	370
	1,840
Superintending Operators Lieutenant-Commanders Majors	20
Chief Operators Lieutenants Captains	650
TITION CONTRACTOR (CONT TIME CONTRACTOR	1,200
Chief Petty Officers Sergeants	
Operators Petty Officers Corporals	7.200
Accountants	20
Lieutenants (Captains	
Claular (Chief Detter Offerenzi)	490
Petty Officers Corporals	
Technical Assistants Chief Petty Officers Sergeants	720
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(Leading Seamen (Lance-Corporals	4,200
Labourers A.B.'s Privates	810
Bours Dours	2,500
* Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve. † Territorial Forces.	1,000

Terms Upon Which the Proposal is Submitted.

(1) The Marconi Company offers, entirely at its own cost, to construct, maintain, and operate, a complete and efficient network of Imperial wireless communications, in accordance with the Proposal set out in the preceding pages.

the Treasury of each Government, in whose territory one or more stations may be situated, a sum equal to 25% of the net profits earned by the said station or stations.

(3) On the expiration of a period of 30 years, dating from the inauguration of any wireless service comprised in the network. the stations conducting such service will (2) The Company will pay yearly into become, if so desired, the property of the

Government or Governments concerned, free of any payment.

(4) The Company guarantees to complete the Trunk Stations within a period of 3 years from the date on which permission to commence work is given.

(5) The Government or Governments meerned will have the right to take over the stations at any time by paying for them the value at which they stand in the Company's books, plus any sum which may have been expended on the creation of the prvices, and by paying to the Company 10% of the gross receipts for the remainder of a period of 30 years dating from the Fauguration of the services.

(6) The Government will have the right to take over the control of the stations during any period of war or national emergency, all arrangements for such control being settled between the fighting services and the Company, and to be subject to periodical revision.

(7) This offer is subject to the following conditions :---

(a) That the Government or Governments concerned shall issue all requisite licenses for a period of 30 years, shall grant every facility for the acquisition of sites (by compulsory purchase if necessary), and shall carry out, as a repayment service, the work of building, laying, and maintaining all the underground and overhead telegraph and telephone lines required. Where such work is not the monopoly of the Government concerned, the Government shall grant all reasonable facilities for carrying out the work.

- (b) That the stations, when erected, shall not be diverted from the duties for which they were constructed, except in the event of national emergency.
- (c) That the Company shall reserve the right to extend the system to foreign countries to any extent and on any terms that may be commercially advantageous, provided that Imperial traffic shall invariably have preference over foreign traffic.
- (d) That the Government or Governments concerned shall secure the

allocation of suitable international wave-lengths to the stations comprised in the network, and shall see that stations belonging to other Companies shall not be allowed to use unscientific apparatus or be granted wave-lengths which would interfere with the working of the Imperial network; and that, except in the event of national emergency, the stations comprised in the network shall not be compelled to communicate with other stations which would interfere with the Imperial services. The Company asks for no monopoly; it is prepared to stand on its own merits. The offer is, however, conditional upon adequate protection on these lines being given to the service.

(8) The Company is also prepared to undertake the work of establishing local networks in any country, or district whether they are required to link up with the Imperial Network or not.

(9) Where the Government or Governments so desire, the Company is also willing to undertake the construction and maintenance, under similar conditions, of stations for communication with ships at sea and aircraft in flight, and to link up such a system of stations with the main Imperial Network should it be practicable to do so.

(10) In view of the present trade requirements of the Empire, the Company urges that this offer may be considered without delay. Should it be entertained, it is proposed that all necessary detailed arrangements between the Company and the Government or Governments concerned shall be elaborated in conference, and that a broadly worded covering agreement on the above lines shall be completed at the earliest possible date, in order that the work may be put in hand,

Government Wireless in Papua.

The Commonwealth Gazette statement of receipts and expenditure of the Trust Fund of Papua, for the half-year ended December 31, 1919, includes the following entry concerning the Government wireless station at Port Moresby :---

Receipts., £1,031 18 11 Expenditure £1,232 2 7

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She has twin screws and a draught of 9 ft., her oil fuel capacity being 267 tons. Her engines develop 27,000 h.p., giving a speed of 36 knots. She carries four 4-in. Q.F. guns, three A.A., and has four torpedo tubes. She was built at Denny's yard, Dumbarton, in 1917.

Each of the five gift destroyers is considerably larger than those at present on the Australian station, being 1,075 tons, with engines of 27,000 h.p., capable of giving them a speed equal to that of their leader. Each is 265 ft. in length, with a beam of 26 ft. 8 in., and a draught of 9 ft. Their armament consists of three 4-in. Q.F.'s and one two-pounder, with six torpedo tubes. They were built as follow: ron, she also being mined, with the loss of The Swordsman at Scott's yard, on the Clyde: the Stalwart at Swan and Hunter's; the Success at Doxford's, and the Tattoo and Tasmania at Beardmore's.

The Anzac is under the command of Commander S. H. Simpson: the Tasmania. under Lieutenant-Commander H. O. Joyce, D.S.O.; the Tattoo, under Lieutenant-Com-

mander A. M. Roberts, D.S.O., the Swordsman, under Lieutenant-Commander Hughes White, D.S.O., the Success, under Lieutenant Oliver Wace and the Stalwart, under. Lieutenant F. C. Cavage-they are all warworn veterans. Lieutenant Marden, of the Tattoo, commenced his naval career at the Naval College, Geelong, afterwards, trans. ferring to Jervis Bay. He went to England at the opening of hostilities and was appointed senior engineer-lieutenant on H.M.S. Centaur. Whilst chasing German mine lavers she struck a mine, but eventually was brought safely into Chatham. Subsequently Lieutenant Marden joined the Curocea, flagship of the Baltic Squadone man killed and nine officers injured.

Lieutenant - Commander Joyce spent many months chasing submarines, and Lieutenant Cobby, of the Tattoo, was, when a gunner on the Vindictive, one of the first to land on the Mole at Zeebrugge. With him on that historic occasion was Seaman Taylor, now one of the crew of the Anzac.



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NEW SOUTH WALES.

The latest entrant to the growing list of commercial and joyriding activities is Captain Edgar Wikner Percival (ex-R.A.F.), now operating two machines in New South Wales. These are a 3-seater Avro, fitted with 110 h.p. Le Rhône engine, and a D.H.-6, with 80 h.p. Rénault engine. They accompanied their owner from England aboard the Calulu, reached Sydney at the end of March, and were assembled at the Government aerodrome at Richmond.

Passenger flights have been made to Bathurst and Orange, the return journey in the latter instance being completed in 230 minutes, over a distance of 386 miles.

Captain Percival's next tour, commencing May 15 and exténding over a period of about three weeks, will include Cowra, Wellington and Peak Hill districts.

Sydney to Brisbane Flight.

From Mr. J. H. Butler (ex-A.F.C.), who recently flew a B.E.2e. from Sydney to Brisbane on behalf of the Perdriau Rubber Co., Ltd., we have received some interesting aerial photographs (published herewith) of towns along the route, taken mostly at an altitude of 6,000 feet.

Writing, early in May, from Inverell S.W.), he stated that ideal weather conions prevailed and that he had pioneered a new airway between Gunnedah and Conabarabran. This district is very



Gunnedah, from 2,500 feet.

of Tambar Springs, where the racecourse, a mile to the south of the township, offers good landing facilities, although, being situated in the heart of a forest, is dangerous to take-off from. Four miles east a very satisfactory alternative is prorough and heavily timbered, and the safest vided by the Brown paddock, joint proair-route, between the two towns, is by way perty of Major and Captain Brown (both



The Perdriau Company's "B.E.2e." at Scone.

FOR THE WIRELESS EXPERIMENTER THE HIGH COST OF RECEIVING HOW IT CAN BE REDUCED

BY JOSEPH V. REED.

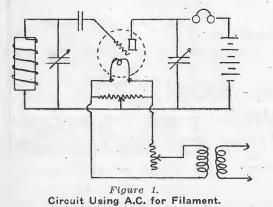
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This article deals drastically with the "High Cost of Receiving."

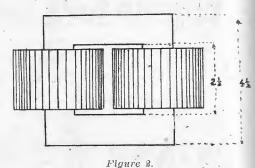
dox method of supplying sufficient current found by experiment, and by connecting to operate it is to use a storage battery for the filament and a battery of flash-light cells for the plate.

If alternating current is applied to the filament of a set connected in the usual manner, the interference caused by the alternations is very considerable, and a brief explanation of the reason for this will, perhaps, be of interest.

Those who have operated on an ordinary direct current valve set will have noticed that a variation in signal strength occurs if the direction of the current from the filament battery is reversed. This is because the potential of the grid relative to the negative side of the filament, is changed with each reversal. Considering the effect of even a minute variation of potential upon this member, what will happen when the current changes direction approximately 100 times per second! Could one make a centre connection to the filament, this point, theoretically, would be in a neutral position relative to the ends of the filament. But, in practice, it would prove an extremely difficult operation. I tried the effect of using a double filament Expanse valve with both filaments in series, and using the common lead as centre tap; but without success, because the filaments were not exactly electrically balanced.



If a potentiometer is connected across the filament terminals, the exact electric Having obtained your valve, the ortho- centre of the system so formed is easily up the set, as shown in Figure 1, the humming caused by the A.C. is reduced to a negligible factor.



Plan of Transformer.

Primary-2,000 turns, No. 26 D.S.C. Secondary-10 turns, No. 16 D.C.C. per volt. Laminations-14 mil. sheet iron. Area of core-1 square inch.

The transformer used may be of the small, bell-ringing pattern, with a 4- to 8-volt secondary, or (if the experimenter has a good practical knowledge of power work), according to the data given in the drawing. The design is for a 240-volt, 50cycle supply. The potentiometer is of the pattern commonly used for crystal working Both articles can be supplied by the Australectric Company at a reasonable figure.

Next comes the high-voltage battery for the plate circuit. The first cost of this unit will be about half that of the flash; light type and renewal costs are very small The cells are miniature Minotto cells-a modification of the Gravity Daniell celland each gives almost exactly one volt Having decided upon the number of cells, obtain sufficient 1 in. by 6in. glass test tubes, No. 18-gauge electric light wire, sheet zinc, copper sulphate, sulphate of maga nesium, marine glue, sand and sawdust for the job, and begin as follows :----

Cut the rubber-covered wire into 15-inch lengths—one for each cell. Pare 6 inches

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at one end, remove the tinning with emery paper, and form into a spiral as in Figure 3. The braiding and tape must be removed to avoid subsequent trouble due to capillary action. Place the wire in the tube and cover the spiral with 1in. of dry, powdered copper sulphate, and, over it, a layer of

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Chatterton's Compound to efficiently seal the top of the cell. 'A hot soldering-in will greatly assist this operation. When all the cells are completed they should be com nected in series and arranged in a box as shown in Figure 4-(suitable for a 49-cell battery).

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Figure 4. Plan of Box for H.V. Battery.

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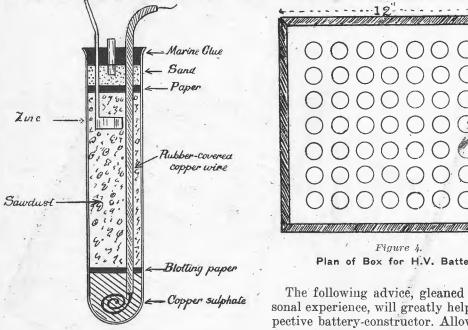


Figure 3 Details of Cell for Plate Battery.

thick blotting paper. Then prepare a mixture of Oregon pine sawdust and water, to which has been added about 10 per cent. of magnesium sulphate to increase its conauctivity. Pour this mixture, which must not by too thin, into the tube, filling it to within 2 inches of the top; insert a spiral of zinc sheet, from a strip 9 in. by $\frac{1}{4}$ in., tnen cover with more sawdust to within ³ in. of the top.

Allow the cells to stand for about 15 minutes, pour off any liquid which has collected at the top, and seal up in the following manner :---

Place a layer of paper or thin cardboard on top of the sawdust, then half an inch of clean, dry sand which has been washed clear of chlorides; insert into the sand a piece of very small glass tubing and pour into it sufficient molten marine glue or

The following advice, gleaned from personal experience, will greatly help the pros pective battery-constructor. Allow the saw, dust mixture to stand for at least 12 hours before placing in the cells, to ensure thorough saturation and to obviate any dis astrous fermentation after sealing. Orego pine sawdust is superior to other varietie owing to its very absorbent and porous nature. The zincs should be amalgamate with mercury to ensure clean working and freedom from corrosion. Cells must not be allowed to lie on their side, or subjected to rough handling. Their capacity s in the neighbourhood of one ampère hour and, for a one- or two-valve set, should be good for at least 1,000 hours continuous use, or (with average amateur treatment), well over a year, without requiring a renewa of the elements. The glass tube and copper wire do not deteriorate and may be used repeatedly. The internal resistance of the cells is between 50 and 100 ohms each. which is practically negligible when one considers that they have to work on a circuit possessing a resistance of anything be tween 100,000 and 500,000 ohms.

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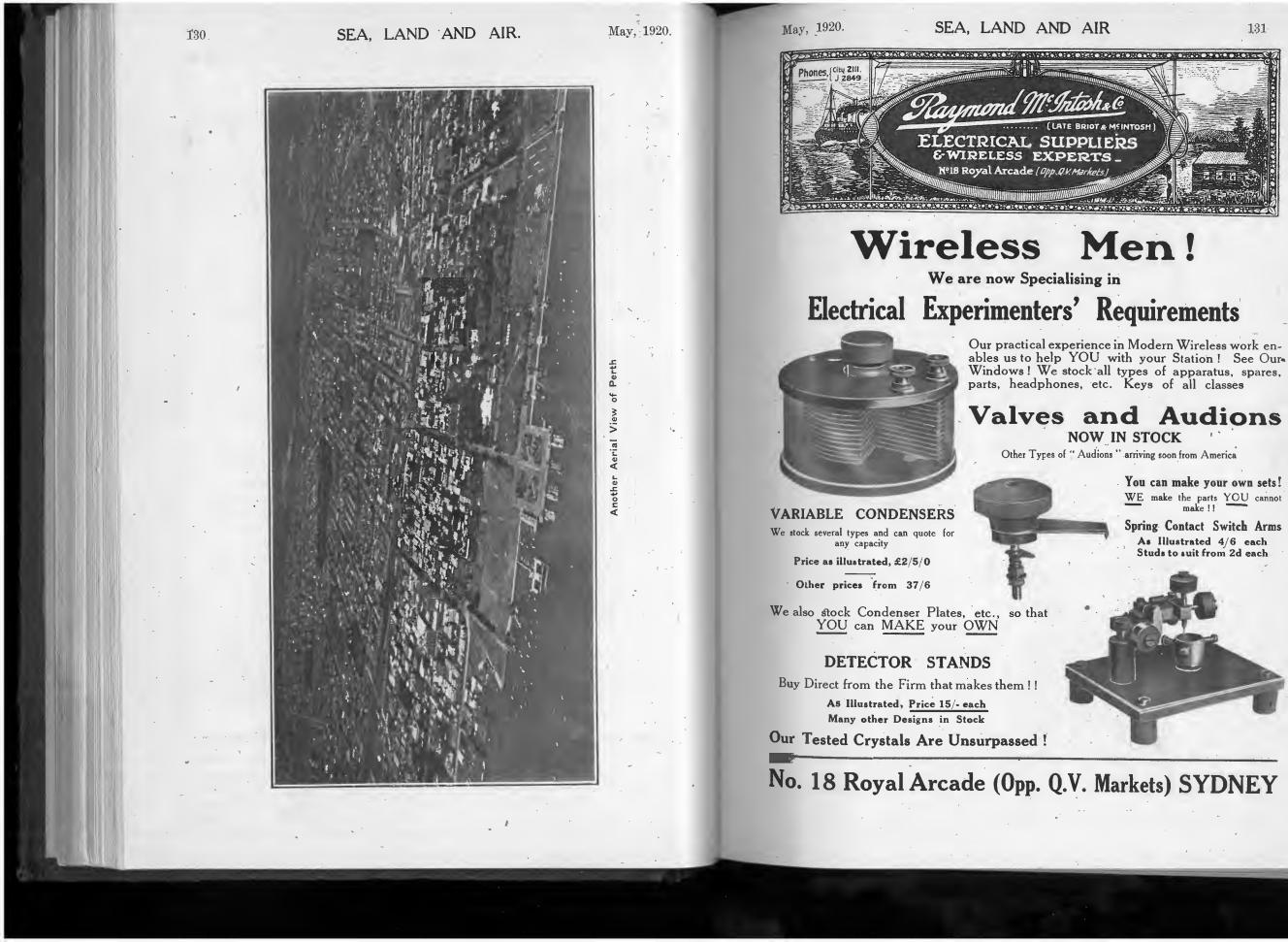
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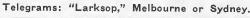
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