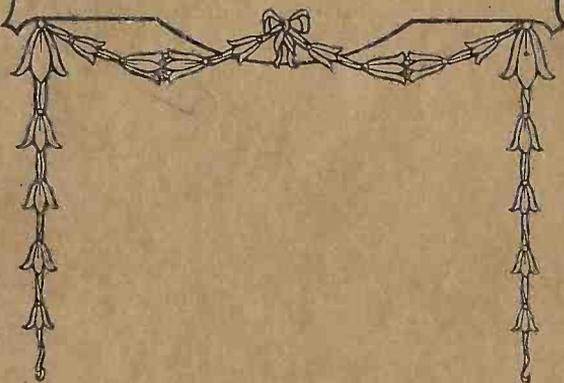


THE
AERIAL

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*“Would you call a friend from half across the world?
If you’ll let us have his name and town and state,
You shall see and hear your crackling question hurled
Across the arch of heaven while you wait.”*

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Editorial

IT was formerly a common practice amongst editors when introducing a new publication, to indicate that they were at the time of writing making a bow to their readers. Being so constituted that a departure from moss-grown precedents is a delight to him, the present editor begs leave to omit the bow and to substitute the brief remark, "Cheerio," a word which, if you understand it aright, you will recognise as being an epitome. Without doubt it is a greeting, quite sufficient in itself for our lively generation, even if one is but newly-arrived from a five-years' sojourn in Tierra del Fuego, Chelmsford, or Clifden. Uttered with the proper intonation it is a *Gaudeamus* and a *Sursum Corda* rolled into one, meaning "Cheer up, there's a war half on and half off." It is an invitation to good fellowship (40 per cent. under!), if you say it over "a dish of tea," or for that matter, over a dish of anything. It is a synonym for goodbye and *au revoir*, and serves also for a word in passing. It has just the correct spice of slang in its make-up to redeem it from utter propriety, and at a pinch can be passed off as a genuine Spanish ejaculation. Cheerio!

To such as cannot fathom the inwardness of cheerio, one may recall two other pattern introductions. One was used by the Cockney who dragged his fiancée by the arm into the middle of the road and shouted to a friend a quarter of a mile distant, "This is 'ER"; the other was initiated by Timon of Athens, who at a feast bade his guests partake of the fare he had provided, with the words, "Uncover, dogs, and lap."

So much for introduction; you are duly presented to *The Aerial*, which will radiate on all wave-lengths at a frequency of one per month, you yourselves supplying the power whilst the Management greases the wheels. It is suggested that this *Aerial* should be of large capacity (32 pages), supported by "let-us-work"* masts, and that it shall have no down-leads but plenty of up-leads. Owing to the type of receiver, *The Aerial* will probably be most successful with short non-damped waves, although it is intended for the interception of all sorts and sizes.

In launching this magazine the Directors are actuated by the desire to see, first of all, a real service magazine, controlled and produced by

* Printer's error.

the staff for the staff. The Marconi organization, even if one speaks of the English companies alone, is what the Germans would call a world-fact. Its business is a household word; its operations extend to every ocean and country under the sun, into the air and below the surface of the sea. At Marconi House the ramifications of its activities form such a complex system that one is forced to compile a miniature *Who's Who* and *Who's Where*. The employees of the Companies now number some six to seven thousand, and it is felt that a staff magazine will be the best means of communicating with them as a whole and of letting the left hand know what the right hand is doing—sound policy in business even if poor ethics in charity. By the simple laws of discipline there is a gulf between a staff and a Management—not a really great gulf, but an appreciable hiatus, shall we say? The staff magazine constitutes a common ground whereon both divisions may meet as workers and human beings. The saying that “the proper study of mankind is man” applies with special force to mankind as differentiated into employer and employees. One can speedily learn to understand a machine and get the best work out of it by studying the principles upon which it is built to work, but there are no rules, no hypotheses, and no diagrams to teach us the secrets of human character and temperament. If such a complicated machine as an enormous business enterprise is to run smoothly there must be co-operation between its parts: that has been a truism ever since the confusion of tongues brought the building of Babel Tower to an end. Therefore *The Aerial* ought to serve as a liaison between the Company and the staff, and as a medium for the exchange of thoughts, purposes, ambitions and hopes. The Directors, for their part, desire to know more of the mental life of the staff. They have already shown this by the formation of the Inventions and Suggestions Committee, but that is primarily a utilitarian scheme for the material benefit of all concerned—utilitarian as to its more apparent results, though stimulating in its general effects and of educational value. In the pages of our magazine the Directors hope to let the staff know more than has hitherto been possible of what the Company is doing, for the business, for the staff and for the public. They believe—and what member of the staff is so mentally sick that he cannot agree?—that the Company is a great institution performing an important and beneficent work not only for the public and the Empire, but for posterity, and that as such it is worthy of loyalty and pride. They believe that our magazine will foster such sentiments, and hope that by its agency the staff will become interested not only in the doings of single departments, but in the work of their fellows of all the other branches, in the achievements and progress of the Company and in the aims of those who direct its affairs. *The Aerial* will form a link with home for employees abroad; it will let you know the movements,

the promotions, and the doings of your friends and acquaintances in the Company. You may sharpen your wit upon its literary contents and then you may contribute to its pages just to show us that you yourself can do better. You may address to it letters upon subjects of general interest, or tell us how you think the magazine might be improved. You may send along photographs and drawings—yes, even verses, if you suffer from them, though it is only fair to state that our Poetry Sieve has a rather fine mesh.

It is clear that *The Aerial* has to be the best service magazine that ever was. Owing to the nature of our business the intellectual standard of the staff as a whole is unusually high, and for this fact to be reflected in *The Aerial* the staff must give interest, enthusiasm and action. A staff magazine stands, in principle, for Co-operation, Communication and Comradeship; therefore co-operate and communicate! If you have aught to say of human interest, the Editorial basket gapes for your manuscript. If you have nothing to say, then write an essay on *The Wisdom of Silence*, and send it along. If you have something to say but cannot say it, try your hand at an article entitled *Incoherence a Symptom of Genius*. The operators and engineers are those amongst us who have opportunities of surveying mankind, "from China to Peru," so that from them should come a steady flow of travel talks and photographs. As to the war, shall we not try to forget it, remembering only its lessons and those who "shall not grow old as we that are left grow old."

Reduced to its lowest terms, work is for most of us a mere Food Hunt; it means bread—and margarine. Raised to its highest power, work is life itself, idleness and *ennui* being death. A man's job, however monotonous, is that which, besides feeding him, gives him the means to acquire whatever good things he has of life, and therefore it is worthy of his closer acquaintance, even his friendship. It is the goose which lays the golden eggs. If pen-pushing or engine-greasing or typewriting is the means of introducing you to the immortals, or the Queen's Hall Concerts, or your future wife (*all jokes returned "With regret"*), or a motor-bicycle, or photography, or whatever your soul craves for, then it is good and not to be despised. This is not a disquisition on the dignity of labour, but on its extrinsic value. We all know that work does not lower a man, but how many of us realise that because it constitutes so great a part of our environment it is a mighty instrument in the moulding of our character and in the ordination of our future—as far ahead as you care to think? If *The Aerial* helps to propagate *that* doctrine—that chiefly through our daily work we are the masters of our fate—if it helps us to regard the daily round and common task with greater interest, and to cultivate the virtues of seeing the other side of a question and thinking of the other fellow, then—Cheerio!

E. B.

Senatore Marconi's Message to "The Aerial"

THERE could be no better proof of the goodwill with which our little magazine has been launched than is to be found in the kindly messages scattered throughout the following pages. Official sanction and assistance count a great deal, but personal interest and good wishes are far more powerful dynamics. Senatore Marconi, who never fails to evince a genuine concern for the well-being of the staff of the great organizations which bear his name, has been good enough to address the Editor as follows :—

31 Via Garibaldi, Gianicolo, Rome, June 22, 1919.

DEAR SIR : I have learnt with great pleasure that it has been decided to start a staff magazine for the English Marconi Companies, analogous to the one which has already for some time enjoyed deserved popularity among the staff of the American Marconi Company. I can think of no better plan to foster that *esprit de corps*, and that interest in the work and aims of the Marconi Companies, than the publication of such a magazine to which all members of the staff may at some time or other contribute. I desire therefore to be among the first to greet *The Aerial* and to wish it every success.

Yours faithfully, (Sgd.) G. MARCONI.

Message from Godfrey C. Isaacs, Esq.

IN the conduct of gigantic businesses such as that directed from Marconi House a very large staff of employees is required. Of necessity the responsibilities and positions widely differ, from the Managing Director down to the most junior clerk, but all are servants of the Company and everyone is a wheel necessary to complete the machine. To secure smooth running it is essential that there should be a complete accord between all fellow-workers, that goodwill should reign with all, each helping the other wherever he may be able. To this end it is desirable that men in each department should know as much as possible of what is going on in other sections of the business with which they cannot be much in touch. With this object in view the Service or Staff Magazine is being introduced. I trust it will be appreciated by every member of the staff, and I look to its being the means of further improving the good accord which I believe obtains, becoming of real assistance to us all.



THE HEAD OFFICE



FROM H. W. ALLEN, Esq., JOINT GENERAL MANAGER

I HAVE long felt the need of a Service Magazine to bring the members of our huge organization more closely together and to enable the Staff to be more readily informed by the Management in all matters that concern them, particularly those which are usually described as Welfare matters. The better acquainted we become, the more we shall understand the needs of each other and the better we shall all pull together for our mutual satisfaction and for the benefit of the Company we serve.

The Magazine will, I am satisfied, go a long way towards promoting this mutual understanding and co-operation and I trust it will have the full support of all and achieve the great success that it deserves.

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FROM W. W. BRADFIELD, Esq., C.B.E., JOINT GENERAL MANAGER.

IT gives me great pleasure to write a few words for the first number of *The Aerial*, the Service Magazine which has just been inaugurated by the Directors in the hope that it may prove a means of uniting the widely scattered personnel of the English Marconi Companies. From what I have heard so far the staff have enthusiastically welcomed the idea of this magazine, and have already shown their interest in a practical way by sending in a fine assortment of contributions. This foreshadows a great success for the 'new venture—I can say that, I hope, without running the risk of being thought a prophet.

Personally, I wish *The Aerial* a long, brilliant, and useful career, as I see in it an instrument for rendering the management and staff one harmonious whole.

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The Accountant's Department

WE are glad to note that most of the Accountant's Staff have returned from military duties, looking for the most part very fit in spite of their experiences. The appearance of so many smartly dressed men has made some of us "who stayed at home" look decidedly dowdy.

Our demobbed men certainly carry a lot of weight—has this anything to do with the sudden strike of the Aldwych entrance lift?

By the way—what about this lift? We have noticed several persons painfully struggling up to the "umteenth" floor, flying signals of distress (especially after lunch), and for their sake we trust some one will hurry things up—the lift, not the aforementioned strugglers.





A Talk to the Demobilized

THE occasion of the publication of the first number of *The Aerial*, to which I am sure we all wish an unlimited measure of success—occurs to me as being a most suitable one for a “yarn” to ex-service men.

I am one of you myself, with an experience covering practically the whole period of the war, and so trust that I may justly claim the privilege of being permitted to address you with some understanding of your thoughts and opinions.

I am sure that many of us often pause to think about our present state as compared with that of the past four or five years, and at times we wonder whether we are indeed “lucky” to be back in civilian clothes and engaged in civilian tasks once again.

True, the horrors of war are behind us and there no longer exists that same grim necessity that caused so many of us freely to offer our services when our country was in danger and dire need, but we cannot fail to view with alarm the spirit of unrest and discontent which appears to permeate the national life of England to-day, as indeed it also does that of the whole world.

“Grousing” (as we service men term it) abounds everywhere, whether openly expressed or confined to private conversation. Many factors have contributed to bring about this condition of affairs, and undoubtedly, for many complaints, there is justification.

Complaints boldly stated are one thing and appreciated between men, but “grousing” is another thing entirely, and in my own opinion does nobody one iota of good. It takes away one’s peace of mind and certainly narrows our general outlook on the things of life that matter.

Let us try to keep clear of the “grouser” and keep our minds fixed on, and work towards, that “good old England and the happy days to come” that we so frequently dreamed of when we were in the trenches or wherever our duties called us.

Of course, I know that you will say “We, too, have grievances.” Yes! I admit that, and big ones, too. Perhaps some expected greater recognition on their return and are also envious of the success of others who were not privileged to serve abroad.

Well, without in any way denying the justice of those claims, I would ask you to remember that during the past several years, we service men, or at least, most of us, really have “vegetated” commercially. Conditions have not been conducive to study and not only have we failed to acquire further commercial knowledge, but we have also forgotten many of the things we knew. And, of course, in this matter-of-fact



DEMOBILIZED



That "first day in civvies" feeling.

business world commercial things really count. Sentiment has no commercial value.

So what is the lesson for us to learn. Well, I think it is just "hard work."

Get down to study right away. Make up your mind not to remain handicapped longer than you can possible help. Deny yourself a few more months of well-earned ease and enjoyment. It will help us all the time to forget our "grouses" and keep out of the "grousing set," and in a few months' time we shall have the satisfaction of knowing that not only did we "do our bit" but we are also qualified commercially and entitled to a sympathetic consideration of our grievances, if unfortunately any should then exist. It is not *your* fault that that degree of qualification has not been sooner attained, but to your credit. But what is the good of grouching? It won't help. So let us "stick it." Retain the "fighting spirit" that enabled us to win through, keep a "stiff upper lip" and don't ventilate your troubles too freely and you'll win all right in the long run.

INFANTRYMAN.

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FROM G. E. TURNBULL, ESQ., ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER.

No constructive invention since the Creation has, to the advantage of humanity, been developed at such a headlong pace, technically and industrially, as that of Marconi. Starting a few years ago, with a small band of enthusiastic helpers round the great inventor, the Marconi enterprise has extended universally. What was at the outset a little group of helpers has grown into an army of tireless workers and will continue growing because there is so much more to be attempted and achieved.

The spirit of comradeship in the wireless world arising out of, and fostered by, the material as well as the ethereal nature of our work, is one of our priceless assets and it must be retained. In the time of small beginnings it was possible to have many pleasant reunions and verbal exchanges of personal news which did so much to keep the Marconi family circle together. The larger the circle becomes, the less spare time have individual members for seeing and talking to each other. It is a pity—none likes it and none can help it—but here is where *The Aerial* comes in, to provide us with the views and news of as many of our wireless relatives, abroad and at home, as make it their pleasure to respond to the family instinct.

I need not wish *The Aerial* success—it has that already, since any venture tending to consolidate the spirit of comradeship has success smiling at it from the moment of its inception.

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## Two Thoughts

*"We look before and after."*

**I**N the course of our self-congratulation on the advent of a Marconi Service Magazine, there is one aspect which it behoves none of us to overlook. I refer to the fact that a large number of those who have passed away from our midst would have been foremost in acclaiming its advent. They are no longer with us in the body, but the spirit does not perish, and it is the reverse of fantastic to believe that the institution of this special publication is largely due to them.

The tradition which develops round any continuous sphere of human activities constitutes, though wholly impalpable, a very real power for good or ill. The devotion to duty displayed in the dark hours of danger and distress by large numbers of Marconi men has built up a tradition of which we all are proud, and has through the creation of a real *esprit de corps* led directly to the demand which the present journal is intended to supply. Many of those who have sacrificed their lives in the execution of duty were known personally to some of us, and when we hold in our hands the first number of a magazine, plainly predestined for a long and useful career, our thoughts must dwell for a few brief moments upon those departed friends who would have rejoiced in its appearance with us.

One of the leading features in the creed of the Norsemen of old consisted of a belief that whenever they were engaged in battle the spirits of their former comrades occupied the upper air and fought with them. The idea is by no means lacking in nobility and its spirit is assuredly not at variance with the eternal order of things. Many of us have at one time or another become conscious that our efforts to carry on the work of others are affected not merely by the labours of those who have passed away, but also by their personalities. It is immaterial whether we seek a subjective or an objective explanation, the fact remains; and it cannot but be stimulating to the present generation of wireless men to feel that they have the active support of the past.

What effect is the recognition of this stimulus to have upon ourselves? Thoughts are often very fine things, but action (so long as it is the fruit of thought) is better still. We have now a medium of inter-communication with one another which has hitherto been lacking, and right to our hands lies the task of making this Service Magazine a thorough success in every way.

This consideration leads directly up to our second thought: What are we to understand by such success? Surely nothing less than the production of a journal which shall keep us in touch with our friends, provide us with numerous pieces of information available in no other way, record our efforts, and suggest fresh subjects for our energies. The

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attainment of this ideal lies in our own hands. Now that the magazine is running, we shall be guilty of an error of omission if we fail to offer any item of news or interest which may come our way, irrespective of the fact whether it "seems worth while" or not. We have an Editor who has undertaken the function of deciding for us the desirability of printing our items. Duty well done for its own sake has become, we are proud to believe, a Marconi tradition. It has animated hundreds of us all through the times of stress through which it has passed; let it be as much in evidence during the "piping times" of peace. In some way the task is a harder one; human nature finds it easier to rise to great opportunities than to small ones. But, after all, it is the insignificant items which constitute by far the larger proportion of our existence; or—as the popular proverb puts it—"Tis the little things that count."

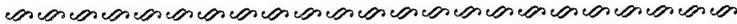
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READERS will be interested to know that Mr. H. W. Allen has been admitted to the freedom and livery of the City of London in the Worshipful Company of Needle-makers. We understand that this honour confers on its holder a distinct status and definite precedence in the City, with the right of voting for Lord Mayor, City Sheriffs, City Chamberlain and other officers. We congratulate Mr. Allen upon his new distinction and we like to believe that such a civic honour is reflected upon the Companies and their employees.

As if Mr. Allen had not assumed sufficient responsibility in becoming Joint General Manager, his fellow directors have presented him with a magnificent gold watch in commemoration of his twenty years' work as Secretary and in recognition of what he has done for the commercial development of wireless. We had the pleasure of examining this watch. It is a wondrous thing with a chime like an Angelus. The rumour to the effect that when passing the barrier it calls out "Season," is unfounded.

### Philatelic Society

THIS society unfortunately has been one of many similar societies which has been rather inactive during the last four and a half years, whilst its members have been very active in other directions, but now that many of them have returned to the staff, cannot something be done to revive the interest in "stamp collecting"? The pre-war secretary has recently met quite a number of keen collectors who were not previously members of the society, and he would like to keep in touch with them, and at the same time to hear from any others interested in the hobby. A meeting of collectors will be held as soon as possible, and it is hoped that arrangements will be made to re-establish the society.



## A Remarkable Feat

THE photograph on the next page illustrates one of the finest climbing feats we have ever heard of. Some time ago the aerial at the Company's Works at Chelmsford met with disaster and such a clean sweep was made of the hoisting tackle that there arose the necessity for somebody to ascend one of the masts. Mr. F. Post, a skilled mast-erec-tor who has worked for the Company in many parts of the world, volunteered for this hazardous enterprise. He climbed to the top of the mast, having no better foothold and hand-hold than is afforded by the heads of the bolts which fasten the steel sections together, carrying with him light tackle for the necessary repairs. The mast is 420 feet high, and we understand that the journey up took Mr. Post no less than an hour. Considering that he is over fifty years of age, his performance surely ranks high as a test of nerve and endurance.

We have vivid recollections of being temporarily "stuck" whilst at the top of a "Gray" mast only 200 feet high, whilst at the winch far below, two excited gentlemen of Latin extraction, having relinquished their hold on handle and brake, gesticulated into space. It was then that we grasped the bolt heads, looked down, and finally decided that if the worst befell we should prefer to risk a slide down one of the stays. We raise our hat to Mr. Post.



## What we are up against

Overheard at Colchester during the recent Wireless Telephony Demonstration between that place and London.

*Gentleman to little boy who, with his Nurse, was an interested spectator:*

"Would you like to have the receivers on and listen?"

*Little boy:* "Yes, please, very much."

*Nurse maid:* "No, you can't, I couldn't let you."

*Gentleman:* "Why not?"

*Nurse maid:* "Something might go off. Anyway, what is it all?"

*Gentleman:* "This is a wireless telephone station and we are going to speak to London."

*Nurse maid:* "And you've come by 'bus. What else are you going to do?"

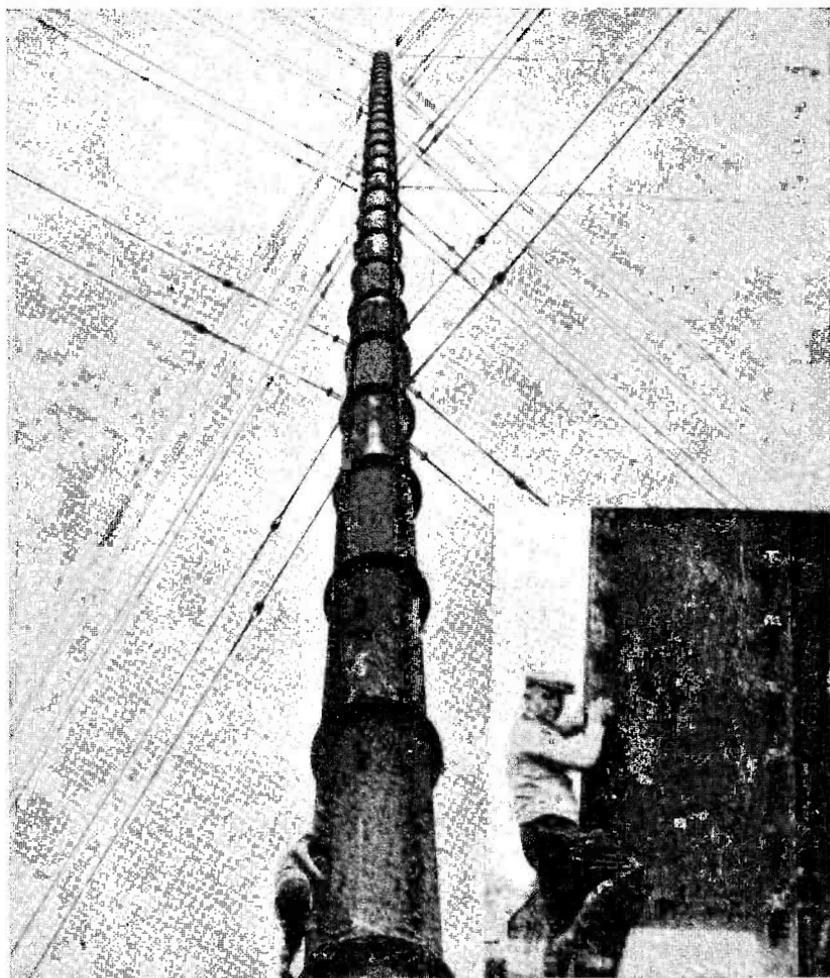
*Gentleman:* "Nothing else."

*Nurse maid:* "What! you've come all this way to speak to London?"

*Gentleman:* "Yes."

*Nurse maid:* "What a waste of time!"





Mr. F. Post ascending the mast at Chelmsford.

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## Notes from Engineering Department

STAFF OFFICE.

**M**R. M. F. WILLIS, late Lieutenant, 4th Battalion Royal Fusiliers, has rejoined the Company upon demobilization and has been appointed to the Test Room.

Mr. S. Dockray, Late Major, Royal Air Force, has rejoined upon demobilization, and will leave for China in the near future.

Mr. F. E. Robinson, Lieutenant, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, has now been demobilized, and will shortly be leaving for China.

Mr. H. MacCallum, late Major, Royal Air Force, rejoined upon demobilization, and is organizing a section of the Engineering Department for the preparation of technical literature concerning the Company's products.

Mr. T. E. Hobbs has now sufficiently recovered from his long illness to return to the office.

Mr. S. C. Anselmi has left for Angola, for the purpose of selecting sites for stations to be erected for the Portuguese Government.

Mr. G. J. Boome recently left for Spitzbergen to superintend erection of stations for the Northern Exploration Company, with Rigger Wood and Operators Brown, Tyler and Huggins.

Mr. H. S. Tisshaw has left for Timor to superintend erection of station for the Portuguese Government, with W. H. Wood assisting him.

Mr. A. Jupe, Lieutenant, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, has been demobilized and has returned from work at a Naval Base abroad and is on leave.

Mr. R. G. Kindersley has been on sick leave for some time and we understand is having a trying time. We trust he will soon recover.

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Mr. Arthur H. Morse, who has held a position on the Engineering Staff of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Ltd., has been appointed Managing Director of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of Canada, Limited, and is about to leave England for Canada to take up his appointment.

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Mr. I. Shoenberg has been appointed Chief of the Patent Department of Marconi's Wireless Telegraph Company, Ltd., in place of Mr. J. St. Vincent Pletts.

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## RECIPES FOR SUCCESS

**W**E all desire to succeed, though our ideas of success are probably equal in number to our noble selves. Some of us, no doubt, measure success by money or property, and some of us yearn to grow the monstrous prize tomato of our dreams. Undoubtedly there is amongst us he who lives for the day when he will achieve the lowest notes of "Asleep in the Deep" without poking his chin inside his collar, and he who strives to cultivate in excelsis the physical bumps popularised by Sandow. But, in general, success is the achievement of an aim, and there should be certain fundamental rules (formulated from experience), the observance of which is essential to its attainment. We have, therefore, asked a number of notable people, who may fairly be considered to have tasted success, to oblige us with their particular recipes for that dish.

### Recipe No. 1: Lord Leverhulme

"There is an old saying that to the Captain who does not know to what port he is steering no wind is favourable, therefore, the first requirement in any recipe for success is a clear idea as to what port or haven of success we are directing our efforts. Broadly speaking, the measure of success we each of us achieve is in proportion to the service we render to the public. The public are hard task-masters but at the same time never fail to respond to loyal and faithful service.

"The man whose ideas of success are mere money, nine times out of ten, by concentrating all his efforts on this object and obscuring his vision of service, fails to achieve this, the narrowest of all ideas of success."

FROM A. GRAY, ESQ., CHIEF ENGINEER.

"'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy,' runs the old maxim. The Staff Magazine, as I understand it, will enable members of the Marconi Service to keep in touch with one another without the assistance of the higher mathematics and abstruse theories of the 'Wireless World.'

"The members of the Marconi Service wander in all lands and on all the seven seas, and every one has something good to tell. Some are too modest to tell it, some have not the opportunity. The Staff Magazine meets both cases; every writer will know he is writing for friends and every one who wishes to write will have his contribution welcomed.

"I am sure that with so excellent an object and so wide a range of contributors the magazine is bound to attain great success."

The Ship Equipment Department

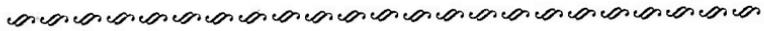
For the information of their friends and acquaintances we publish below the present position of the members of the shipfitting staff, and we hope to indicate their movements month by month.

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| BLINKHORN, J. C. | . . . . . | Southampton. |
| FIELDING, W. F.  | . . . . . | Newcastle.   |
| FLOOD-PAGE, A.   | . . . . . | Hull.        |
| GILMOUR, R. J.   | . . . . . | Belfast.     |
| GOODMAN, B. C.   | . . . . . | Newcastle.   |
| HARRISON, T. W.  | . . . . . | Liverpool.   |
| HASLER, D.       | . . . . . | London.      |
| HASLER, P.       | . . . . . | Newcastle.   |
| HAYTON, T. Y.    | . . . . . | Newcastle.   |
| HALL, P. E. L.   | . . . . . | Glasgow.     |
| LUFF, W. H.      | . . . . . | Newcastle.   |
| MOORE, A. E.     | . . . . . | Liverpool.   |
| MORGANTI, R.     | . . . . . | Hull.        |
| POLDEN, A. T.    | . . . . . | Glasgow.     |
| RUDD, F. E.      | . . . . . | Liverpool.   |
| SMITH, W. H.     | . . . . . | Devonport.   |
| SOAR, A. E.      | . . . . . | Glasgow.     |
| SURRIDGE, H. J.  | . . . . . | Cardiff.     |
| TRIGGS, E. E.    | . . . . . | Newcastle.   |
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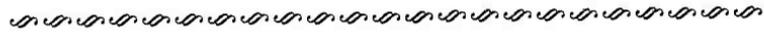


It is announced that the marriage of Mr. Arthur T. Polden, of the Ship Equipment Department's outside Staff, to Miss Evelyn F. Tippell, niece of the late Alderman J. W. Domney, J.P., C.C., L.C.C., took place at St. Helen's Church, North Kensington, on the 21st June, 1919.

Mr. Polden's colleagues and friends of the Wireless and International Companies, supplemented their wishes of future happiness by presenting him with a polished mahogany clock, suitably inscribed.



Mrs. SUNDQUIST (better known to the Staff as Miss Haynes), who has been with the Company for nearly eight years in charge of the ladies on the first floor balcony, relinquished her position on 28th June, an act which is regretted by all who worked with her or knew her. Our loss, in this case, is certainly somebody else's gain.



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## Brains

A SAMPLE FROM THE SHIP EQUIPMENT DEPARTMENT

**T**HE manner in which a great difficulty was overcome and turned to advantage is described below, in the belief that it will prove of interest.

During the latter part of the war a great shortage of packing cases arose at the works, due to the absence of suitable wood for their construction, which threatened the cessation of despatches from the works.

The Ship Equipment Department was informed and was able, by the circulation of an urgent call to the Shipfitting Engineers at various ports, to cause the return of the majority of the packing cases at places in England, Scotland, and Wales.

Nevertheless, the reception of these packing cases did not fully alleviate the troubles of the Works' Manager in this connection. He still required every case he could obtain. There were a large number in Ireland (which could not be taken across the Irish Channel because of the enormous quantity of accumulated goods traffic the cross Channel Services had to deal with during the infrequent sailings necessitated by the presence of "U" boats and the prevalence of strikes), so we appealed to Mr. R. J. Gilmour, Engineer in Charge of Shipfitting Work in Ireland, with, it must be admitted, very faint hope of success. Imagine our pleasure when Mr. Gilmour submitted by return of post a novel scheme, which, when put into practice, cleared Ireland of our empty cases within a few weeks at very small cost although forwarded at "passenger" rates the greater part of the way.

With the full approval of the Works and Head Office, Mr. Gilmour inserted the following advertisement in the Belfast Evening Newspaper:—

**PACKING CASES.**—Good strong packing cases, containing shavings, loaned free between Ireland and England. For particulars apply, etc.

On the morning of the appearance of this advertisement, Mr. Gilmour received a visit from a representative of an Establishment in Belfast who urgently needed packing cases for sending material to England. These gentlemen came to an agreement whereby the cases were collected at a warehouse in Belfast for the immediate use of the Belfast Company in the urgent transport of their goods to England. Where the Marconi Company benefited was in the fact that when the above-mentioned goods reached their English destination they were at once unpacked and the empty cases forwarded to Chelmsford, ready for further use.

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The Home Depôts and Wireless Stations

ADDITIONS TO THE STAFF (M.W.T. Co.)

To *Marconi House*

*Traffic Dept. (Canvasser)*

R. C. Wyatt.

*Marconi House Wireless Station*

J. Rogers

*Telegraph Office (Marconi House)*

C. Conway.

C. Godwin.

W. Greenwood.

C. Hanbury.

A. E. Jones.

D. L. Sowray.

To *Clifden*

F. J. Chapman.

H. M. Copland.

H. S. Gibbs.

J. B. Robinson.

To *Fenchurch Street*

C. Aston.

C. J. Balls.

J. F. Bell.

H. Campbell

W. F. Dutchman.

H. E. Fasham.

L. A. Fox.

R. J. Parker.

A. H. Smith.

A. A. Steele.

H. V. Thirkell.

J. C. F. Wilson.

To *Towyn*

A. E. Grocott.

J. G. Sully.

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RETURNED TO DUTY FROM SERVICE WITH THE FORCES

Miss M. E. Cresswell to Towyn, 6th May.

Mr. J. Bush „ Marconi House Telegraph Office, 2nd June.

„ W. Charlton „ Fenchurch Street, 1st June.

„ G. H. Cole „ Carnarvon, 26th May.

„ J. G. Smiddy „ Poldhu, 7th May.

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TRANSFERS

J. F. Bell, Fenchurch Street to Clifden, 23rd June.

R. I. Owen, Towyn to Carnarvon, 5th May.

J. Rogers, Marconi House (Room 106) to Fenchurch Street, 20th June.

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RESIGNATIONS

Miss W. G. Maiden (Fenchurch Street) 28th June.

„ G. A. March ( „ „ ) 31st May.

Mr. W. H. Smith (Carnarvon) 17th May.



## Three more stays on "The Aerial"

From C. MITCHELL, Esq., Works Manager.—“I was very glad to hear that such a magazine as *The Aerial* was being instituted and I do not think it necessary to wish it success, as I am certain that it will be successful. For a long time I have felt the necessity of such a means of acquainting every one in the Company's service of the progress of Wireless and its probable development, in addition to keeping all Departments in touch in social matters.”

From H. M. DOWSETT, Esq., Chief of Testing Department.—“*The Aerial* has our collective blessing. The small man will have the same opportunity as the big man to make his voice heard in its pages if he has anything to say worth listening to, and I expect to see him getting busy.

“The Marconi Companies are embarking on a wise venture, and we must all help to make it a great success. The Testing Department, I know, will whole-heartedly assist in the good work.”

From H. B. T. CHILDS, Esq., Chief of Aircraft Department.—“The establishment of a Staff Magazine for circulation amongst, and controlled by, the employees of the Associated English Marconi Companies, will fill a long-felt want. I would take this opportunity of tendering my very best wishes to Mr. Blake under whose able direction I feel certain the magazine will flourish and gain the appreciation of all concerned.”

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## Things we want to know

BY THE “IRRESPONSIBLE CORRESPONDENT.”

**W**HY the key of the wireless cabin can never be found?  
 Why it is always the *previous* operator who let the Bradfield gland freeze?

Why the operator has always gone to “Sign on” or “Sign off” about ten minutes before the inspector's arrival?

Whether a certain inspector recently had a stroke, and if it was not caused by the operator handing him a stick of solder for 10 amp. fuse wire?

When we shall see C.W. generators and valves in cascade on the ships?

Why ex-S.W.S. operators can't design their own apparatus for their own ships?

When a “jazz band” programme is going to be inaugurated, before and after time signals, at least three times a day, just to liven up things for the operator between times?



## Cumnor Hill Station

CUMNOR HILL was the scene of a pleasing little ceremony a short time ago, the occasion being a presentation by the staff to Lieut. G. M. Wright, R.N.V.R., prior to his demobilization in order to return to the Marconi Company.

The presentation took the form of a handsome attache case, together with a Waterman pen, and was made by C.P.O. Irvine, who expressed the regret of the staff at Lieut. Wright's departure from the station.

Lieut. Wright replied in felicitous terms. In thanking the staff for the presentation, he said it would always remind him of many happy days spent at Cumnor Hill. He attributed the high standard of efficiency at the station to the spirit of unity existing between one and all.

Lieut. Wright will be known to many as the inventor of several wireless patents.

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C.P.O. A. J. Irvine, who has been with the Company practically since its inception, succeeds Lieut. Wright in the charge of the station. Mention need only be made of Mr. Irvine's period of service as Chief at Clifden to prove his ability to conduct the station in an able and efficient manner.

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The month of May saw the long-deferred and much-hoped-for adoption of the new scale of pay at Cumnor. All express the pleasure it gives them to find that being employed on important work on shore does not preclude them from sharing the same rewards as are made to sea-going operators.

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The "Wavey" Navy.—Coming off watch the other day we passed two small boys playing by the roadside, "Coo!" said one, "look at all the sailors!" "Garn," objected the other in tones of obvious contempt, "they're not sailors!" He did not define his line of distinction between sailors, tram conductors, and porters; neither did he place us in any particular class. It seems to us, however, that we are being "rumbled" at last!

From O. ROCHS, Esq., Traffic Manager, M.W.T. Co.—  
 "As aerials will bring into closer touch the Mother Country and her Empire and foster friendship and understanding with our Allies, so may *The Aerial* bind together and unite all staffs of the Companies.  
 "The launching of this periodical is further evidence of the Companies' great interest in matters concerning employees, and I wish it success, and feel that it will receive the whole-hearted support it deserves."

## Poldhu

There is nothing to report beyond the usual routine. We are still under Admiralty control and are engaged in the pleasant task of running a commercial service sandwiched in between the intervals of official programmes.

Mr. E. Frankis joined the Station Staff from Chelmsford on June 2nd.

Our Poldhu correspondent tells us that he has secured a number of promises which will blossom into articles later on. We hope he will pull them up by the roots now and then to see if they are growing.

## The Traffic Department (M.I.M.C. Co.)

WITH the first issue of the Staff Magazine, we think it will be interesting to some members of the Staff to know the whereabouts of the different Shore Inspectors of the International Company.

### Head Office, London.

W. PLATT, Chief Inspector.

E. W. HYNES, Inspection Dept.

W. J. BROWN, Inspection Dept.

E. J. MOORE, Staff Office.

### Liverpool.

R. LEITH.

G. W. BALFOUR.

J. CONNELL.

W. DAVIES.

C. MACRAE.

### Hull.

S. STANSBRIDGE.

### Newcastle.

G. E. HAKE.

### East Ham Depot, London.

H. D. HUMPHRIES, Stores Supt.

J. B. HUMPHREYS.

F. BEATSON.

F. L. DENNIS.

G. A. MANSON.

A. J. THOMPSON.

H. A. WHITMORE.

### Cardiff.

R. COX.

L. E. HUGHES.

### Belfast.

A. COBHAM.

### Glasgow.

D. SUTHERLAND.

Mr. W. I. McGhee has been acting in New York during the absence of Mr. Short here in the Old Country on leave of absence, after having been away in New York since 1914.

From W. R. CROSS, Esq., Traffic Manager, M.I.M.C. Co.—

“Feeling that the advent of *The Aerial* is a most auspicious occurrence in the history of the Marconi Staffs, I desire, on behalf of the Traffic Department, to offer the newcomer a cordial welcome. I sincerely hope and believe that it will fill the vacancy which has been awaiting it for a long time, and I look forward to its first public appearance with pleasurable anticipation.”

Gibraltar Depôt has been closed down and we are daily expecting the return of Lieut. T. J. Chapman, R.N.V.R., and Sub-Lieut. Kenworthy, R.N.V.R.

Port Said Depôt is closed down and Lieut. J. R. Robinson, R.N.V.R., is now at his home at Eckington, Derbyshire, enjoying a well-earned rest. We saw Mr. Robinson when he was passing through London, and were glad to see how well he looked.

## East Ham Stores and Inspection Depôt

AS there are still some operators who have not yet reported at the above depôt, perhaps a few remarks as to the locality and means of arriving there may be useful. The depôt is situated near the East Ham Town Hall, and practically next door to the Fire Station in the High Street (South). The building stands at a corner, and was previously the headquarters of the East Ham *Echo*. Big plate glass windows painted white across the lower half should help in finding the office, as the door—on which is the company's name, etc.—stands back from the front of the building.

East Ham is served by a very good service of trains—steam from Fenchurch Street and electric from all parts of London. Turning to the left on leaving the station, about five minutes' walk (or two minutes by 'bus or tram) will bring the seeker to his destination.

'Buses and trams from Aldgate and the City also pass quite close, in fact the No. 15 'bus from the City passes both H.O. and East Ham depôt.

The building having been used as newspaper offices, some strange visitors, with still stranger requests, are still met with. The main stores, being on the ground floor front, usually receive the brunt of these callers, as for example the old and somewhat tousled "lady" who came in and informed the storekeeper in a hoarse whisper that she "wanted a young man." The storekeeper sent out a hurried S.O.S. and "took cover" under a couple of converters. It turned out eventually that she desired to insert an advertisement for a lodger!

*Sick Leave.*—Inspector A. J. Thompson has been in hospital for some weeks suffering from internal trouble. He has now resumed duty, but is still under treatment.

*Extra Leave.*—The announcement of an extra week's leave for inspectors is much appreciated. Although it is now too late to alter arrangements regarding "digs," etc., no doubt the extra time will be happily spent reading "Hawkhead" in the garden in the intervals of picking caterpillars off the roses.

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Positive and Negative

THE Editor apologises for having monopolised three whole pages for his editorial. When more material is supplied by the staff he will fade away into comparative seclusion and devote his energies to mere scissors-snipping and hieroglyphic-writing on proofs.

The above apology was thought necessary because he is now about to steal yet another page.

Rumours reach us to the effect that most of our would-be contributors are "waiting to see the first number" before submitting their manuscripts. This principle if generally followed would land us into a state of affairs somewhat akin to that which existed in the fabled island where the people agreed to earn their living by taking in each other's washing. They soon had to appoint a Royal Commission to find some means of paying for the soap and feeding the population.

We are glad to say that these rumours are exaggerated. The Hon. Correspondents have between them contrived to conjure up a very useful quantity of copy and we have absolutely nothing to complain of in respect to their efforts as a body. Yet there has been dead silence on the part of several of them which (just this once) we are willing to attribute to bad luck, no news, or modesty.

We have been asked by a number of Hon. Correspondents to state what kind of "copy" *The Aerial* requires. First and foremost we want news such as staff movements, new appointments, personal notes relating to leave, marriage, sickness—and other things which happen to one. Then we invite paragraphs or even short articles on anything of interest which occurs in the daily work of the station or department; an example of this will be found this month under the heading of the Ship Equipment Department. Articles or essays on subjects of topical interest are especially desired. Good black-and-white sketches and photographs of general interest are hereby solicited.

When submitting photographs, please bear in mind that for the purpose of press reproduction glossy prints are the best, but that if the photographs are small ones it is better to send the films or plates. All photographs or films will be returned on request.

One or two departments have not yet elected their Hon. Correspondent.

We regret that we are unable to show the Movements of Sea Operators owing to the immense amount of work which would be entailed, but we welcome notes about promotions, etc., from the Operating Staff.

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## Chelmsford Works' Typist Office's Splendid War Record

SIX men were originally employed in this office out of which five volunteered during the war for service with the colours, and all joined the ranks, resulting in the following record: one killed, two wounded, two commissions gained, one decoration.

Below is the Roll of Honour.

Lance-Corporal W. A. WATERMAN, 10th Essex Regiment. Joined 12th December, 1914. Killed in action in France on 1st July, 1916.

Lance-Corporal W. BEDFORD, Royal Engineers. Joined 3rd September, 1914. Wounded in thigh in action in France. Afterwards contracted pneumonia and pleurisy whilst on active service.

Lieutenant C. A. MOTH, D.F.C., Royal Air Force. Joined 20th November, 1917. Navigator and Observer on Handley-Page long distance bombing machines in France. Did forty-two night raids over German lines and towns, etc. Wounded in heel on 4th October, 1918. Won Distinguished Flying Cross on 4th November, 1918.

Captain J. COWAN, 12th London Regiment. Joined 6th December, 1915. Promoted sergeant in six weeks, afterwards being made Sergeant Musketry Instructor, and shortly after that gaining his commission. Contracted trench fever whilst on active service in France.

Flight-Cadet J. G. ROBINSON, Royal Air Force. Finished training for commission as observer, but missed being gazetted through being in hospital with influenza at the time when commissions were stopped owing to the Armistice.

Can any other Department of the Marconi Companies beat this record?

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FROM H. W. CORBY, Esq., SECRETARY

"*The Aerial* has our heartiest wishes for its success; it should be a new means of communication between Marconi men all over the world, drawing closer together all branches of this vast organization and thus enabling all members of the Service to know each other better.

"Marconi men have served with distinction in all corners of the globe and on every ocean during the Great War; may their achievements in Peace be greater than their achievements in war and their services to mankind even greater than their services to the Allied Cause."

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A scheme to enable members desiring to acquire their own houses through the medium of a well-established Building Society on very favourable terms has also been formed, and any information regarding the scheme can be obtained from the Department.

A Staff Savings Bank for the use of members has also been formed, in conjunction with the Associated Marconi Companies throughout the world, and it is hoped to put the scheme into operation in the near future.

The Department has now under consideration the formation of a Sick and Provident Fund for the Company's Works Staff at Chelmsford, which it is hoped to put into operation very shortly.

In addition to the foregoing, cases of sickness amongst members have received close attention. All cases reported to the Department are closely enquired into, and every effort made to secure efficient medical and other treatment for the sick member.

Arrangements have also been made with a number of hospitals in London and the provinces for the admission of cases requiring treatment, and the Department will shortly proceed to consider the question of providing sanatorium treatment for necessitous cases.

Although the existence of the Department has not been generally known to the Staffs, it will be seen that it has by no means been inactive, and the appreciation of its efforts by those members acquainted with what has been done has convinced the Companies of the necessity for such a Department.

They have therefore decided to appoint a permanent Welfare Superintendent, and Mr. Randell has been appointed for the purpose.

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## Our Welfare Superintendent

Mr. W. Randell, whose photograph we publish in this issue, has been appointed to the Staff as Welfare Superintendent. He has just been demobilized from the Army after serving in the Middlesex Regiment, and later the R.A.F. since September 1914, first as a private and then as an officer. Previous to joining the Army he was a schoolmaster for a good many years and both in the scholastic world and the army he had full charge of all sports. Before the war he played cricket for four seasons with Suffolk in the Minor Championship, whilst at Football he was Captain of the Margate Town Club and toured Germany with Ipswich Town F.C. We offer Mr. Randell a hearty welcome.

## The Welfare Department

By W. RANDELL.

**P**ERHAPS it will not be out of place to write for the first number of *The Aerial* a few words regarding some of the future plans of this department.

Two of the main features in hand come under the headings of Education and Sports; the former (of which more anon) will be tackled in the winter months, the latter all the year round, but more especially in the summer. It is hoped soon to have a Marconi Athletic ground and to put the Sports of the Company on a firm and lasting footing. As a start the sports might be Cricket, Tennis, Football, etc., but once firmly established and enthusiasm from all branches of Marconi House is shown, the club would no doubt spread according to the wishes and suggestions of anyone on the Staff.

The Welfare Department is as yet in its infancy, but already runs schemes such as the Savings Bank, the Building Society, and for the recommendation of lodgings to those requiring them. Further, it is hoped that it may serve in an advisory capacity any members of the Staff who may find themselves in trouble or difficulty. However, perhaps the



MR. W. RANDELL.

main and essential objective of the Department is to build up comradeship amongst all, to cause members to meet and know each other in healthy sport and recreation, thus binding themselves more closely together, and at the same time co-operating for their own and the Company's good.

I am able to say that a very fine Sports Ground has been obtained and that in the next number of *The Aerial* it is hoped that full details of it will be communicated to all. I am, however, afraid that time will not permit of much in this way being done this summer, but it is hoped to have a regular football club for the winter and all in readiness for next year. Finally, at all times suggestions will be welcomed and periodical general meetings held to initiate new schemes and improve existing ones.

## The House Purchase Scheme

**T**HE majority of building societies usually require the prospective purchaser to find 25 per cent. of the approved value of the house selected. In addition to the 25 per cent. there are valuation and legal charges to be paid, not to mention the cost of removal and expenses incidental thereto. This usually debars many from taking advantage of any benefits to be obtained from house purchase schemes.

The Company have completed arrangements with the Woolwich Equitable Building Society who have agreed to advance up to 90 per cent. of the approved value upon the Company acting as guarantors for 15 per cent., the difference between the usual 75 per cent. and the 90 per cent. advanced. The most important part of the Company's scheme, however, is dealt with in the fifth paragraph of the circular, which has been issued to all branches of the Company. It refers to the question of Life Assurance, and to those who intend to take advantage of the Company's offer it will be a relief to know that should anything happen to them before they have completed their repayments, their dependents will not be saddled with a burden of a mortgage on the house. The cost of the Life Assurance will be borne by the Company.

Application for further information should be made to the Cashier, Marconi House.



## The Savings Bank Scheme

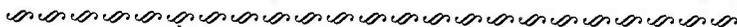
**I**N the very near future a Savings Bank for the benefit of the Staff will be established and it is hoped that it will find many supporters amongst both the operators and the indoor staff. The object is not only to provide an investment for savings at 5 per cent. interest, but to give the operators who are depositors an opportunity of withdrawing money from their accounts at any port where there is a depôt of our own company or an associated company.

Cash deposits from 1s. upwards may be made, and interest at 5 per cent. per annum will be allowed on every completed £1.

An example of the advantage to an operator may very briefly be stated. Before joining his ship he authorizes the company to deduct a certain sum each week from his salary and deposit it in the bank for his credit. This will enable him to withdraw a sum from his account when he reaches say India and/or Australia.

A circular fully explaining the working of the bank will shortly be in the hands of all members of the staff, but information will be gladly given upon application to the clerk in charge of the Savings Bank, Cashier's Department, Marconi House.





## Cricket

### Marconi Works v. Marconi Head Office

*Played at Chelmsford, 21st June.*

| Marconi Works                    |   | Runs.      |
|----------------------------------|---|------------|
| H. Warner, b Wagstaffe           | . | 5          |
| A. M. Young, c Balcombe, b Bates | . | 0          |
| H. Hawkes, b Wagstaffe           | . | 5          |
| C. Hills, b Wagstaffe            | . | 11         |
| W. Tasker, run out               | . | 1          |
| C. Glen, c and b Wagstaffe       | . | 6          |
| G. Keeble c Lukes, b Randell     | . | 45         |
| G. H. Leggitt, run out           | . | 25         |
| E. Evans, c Balcombe, b Brookes  | . | 3          |
| P. Howlett, not out              | . | 22         |
| W. Beaton, b Wagstaffe           | . | 0          |
| A. Stapleton, b Randell          | . | 9          |
| Extras                           | . | 5          |
| Total                            | . | <u>137</u> |

| Head Office                     |   | Runs.     |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------|
| S. Wheeler, c Howlett, b Glynn  | . | 1         |
| W. Randell, st b Tasker         | . | 58        |
| L. Brookes, c Evans, b Young    | . | 0         |
| F. W. Bates, c Tasker, b Hawkes | . | 6         |
| E. Wagstaffe, run out           | . | 0         |
| F. Menear, b Hawkes             | . | 0         |
| A. Fasham, b Hawkes             | . | 1         |
| A. J. Clark, run out            | . | 6         |
| S. B. Balcombe, run out         | . | 1         |
| B. Lukes, b Tasker              | . | 0         |
| T. Stubbs, c Hawkes, b Tasker   | . | 1         |
| A. C. Garner, not out           | . | 2         |
| Extras                          | . | 3         |
| Total                           | . | <u>79</u> |



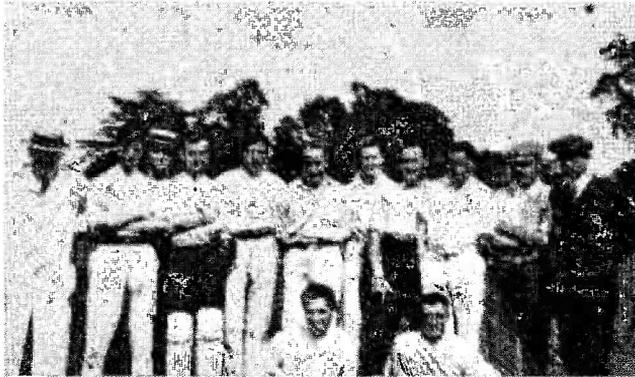
Bowling Analysis

|                     | Overs. | Maidens. | Wickets. | Runs |
|---------------------|--------|----------|----------|------|
| Wagstaffe . . . . . | 14     | 3        | 5        | 44   |
| Bates . . . . .     | 7      | 1        | 1        | 18   |
| Brookes . . . . .   | 4      | 0        | 1        | 18   |
| Balcombe . . . . .  | 2      | 0        | 0        | 11   |
| Menear . . . . .    | 2      | 0        | 0        | 15   |
| Stubbs . . . . .    | 2      | 0        | 0        | 9    |
| Randell . . . . .   | 4.5    | 0        | 2        | 17   |

Criticism

I think, taking into consideration the lack of practice on the part of the Head Office side, that the result was satisfactory. A good many runs were wasted by the necessity for trying unknown bowlers. The ground fielding was good but several catches were missed, and when we have a ground attention must be given to this important matter. I would remind batsmen of the importance of calling and of watching their partner *and not the flight or run of the ball*. Perhaps the majority were worried about breaking their "duck," a bogey which to my mind should be left to look after itself.

W. RANDELL.



Marconi Works B Team. Taken on the occasion of their match with the Arc Works 2nd Team.

## Letters to the Editor

*To the Editor of "The Aerial."*

DEAR SIR: I am glad to note that it has been decided to establish a staff magazine for circulation amongst the employees of the various Marconi Companies. I am sure that such a magazine will be appreciated by all, and will do much to promote the *esprit de corps* which I venture to say exists in this Company to a greater extent than in any other. You have my cordial wishes for its success.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) R. D. BANGAY

(Chief of Field Station Dept.).

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*To the Editor of "The Aerial."*

*Cumnor Hill.*

DEAR SIR: Your pages give me the opportunity I have been seeking in vain for some time past, to express the very warmest thanks of my wife and myself to my old friends of the Marconi Staff for their really magnificent wedding present.

We can assure them that in the present-day stormy seas of house-hunting and furnishing, their gifts—the world's most comfortable Chesterfield settee and an equally luxurious easy chair—stand out as two bright spots of satisfaction and comfort for which we are continuously grateful.

Yours faithfully,

(Signed) H. DOBELL.

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*To the Editor of "The Aerial."*

*Cumnor Hill.*

SIR: I think it would be pleasing to erect a tablet on which to perpetuate the names of those operators who lost their lives in the Great War.

Many business firms have adopted War Shrines on which to record the names of those employees who joined the Forces. I think it is even more fitting in our case, as our brothers lost their lives not only in serving their country, but also in the service of the Marconi Company.

I do not know what intentions the Company has in this direction, but if no active steps have yet been taken, I should like to suggest that the staff be given an opportunity to subscribe partly to the cost. In this way we should be able, in a small measure, to pay homage to the memory of those of our comrades who, while running the same risks as ourselves, did so with less fortune.

I shall be pleased to hear the opinions of others on this matter.

I remain, Yours truly,

HAROLD S. BLAKE.

*(The Company has been considering a suitable War Memorial. It is hoped to let our readers hear about it before long.—Ed.)*

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THE AERIAL

THE STAFF MAGAZINE OF THE MARCONI COMPANIES

EDITOR: MR. E. BLAKE, Marconi House, Strand, W.C., to whom all communications should be addressed.

Editorial Notices

(1) It is intended that each Hon. Correspondent shall act as receiver and forwarder of all contributions made by those members of the staff whom he represents, and collect news and notes of interest relating to his department, section, depôt or station.

(2) The contributions desired include departmental notes of transferences, promotions, resignations, etc., sports and social events, interesting non-technical news of daily work, articles on topical subjects, sketches, photographs and letters.

(3) Contributions for any given month should be forwarded not later than the 15th of the previous month; they should be written in ink and on one side of the paper only: yet it is desirable, but not essential, that "copy" should be typewritten.

(4) The Editor will welcome suggestions with a view to improving the Magazine.

Honorary Correspondents to "The Aerial"

Marconi House

Accountant's Department	Mr. A. B. Whetham.
Claims and Insurance Department	Mr. D. French.
Contract Department	Mr. G. Elkin.
Drawing Office	Mr. Ainsley.
Chief Engineer's Department	Mr. H. Ingleton.
Engineering Order Department	Mr. A. Dalgairns.
Field Station Department	Mr. A. Shore.
Marconi House W. T. Station	Mr. T. A. Wood.
Order and Shipping Department	Mr. F. W. Perks.
Patent Department	Mr. A. Benjamin.
Research Department	Mr. J. Malin.
Secretary's Department	Mr. F. Atkin.
(Typists)	Miss D. Courtial.
Ship Equipment Department	Mr. A. T. Cadman.
Superintending Engineer's Department	Mr. J. P. Clark.
Traffic Department (M.I.M.C. Co.)	Mr. A. J. Chesterton.
Traffic Department (M.W.T. Co.)	Mr. Walton (<i>pro tem.</i>).
Transfer Department	Mr. H. G. Garrett.
Direction Finding Department	Mr. Keen.

Stations, Depôts, etc.

Ballybunion	Mr. P. Dennison.	
Cardiff	Mr. F. Jones.	
Carnarvon	Mr. G. E. Hindson.	
Chelmsford	{ Athletic Club	Mr. R. A. Young.
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