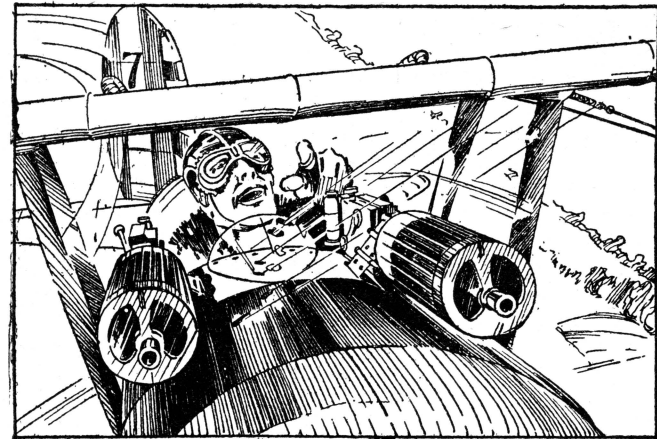
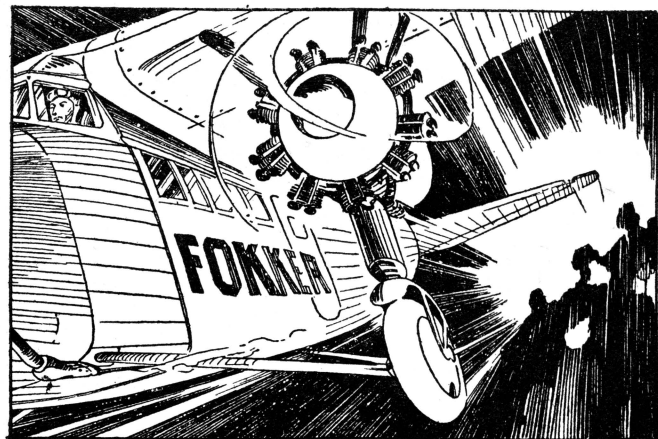


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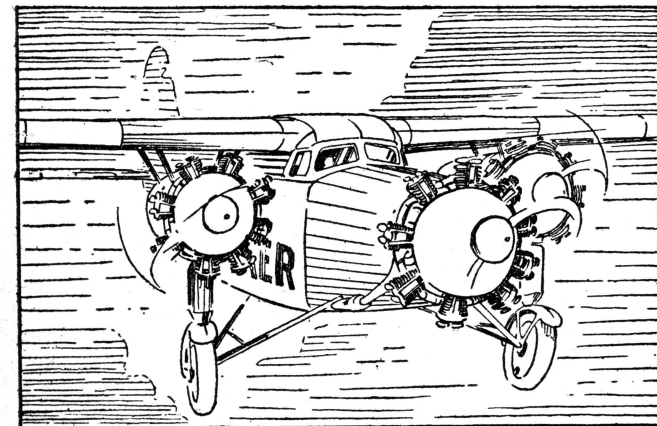
III—SIR CHAS. KINGSFORD-SMITH—PACIFIC CONQUEROR



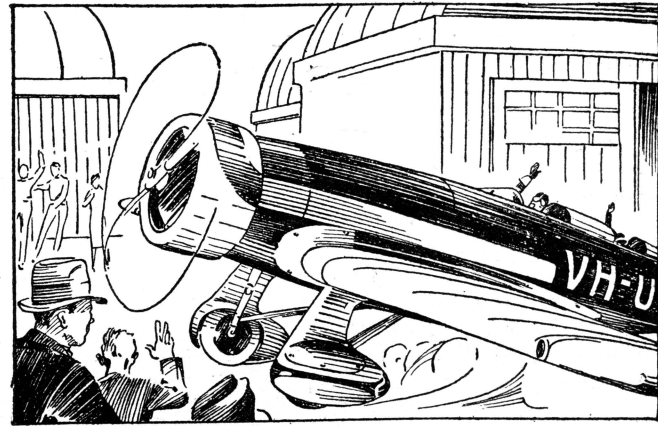
1—Air Commodore Sir Charles E. Kingsford-Smith was born in Brisbane, Australia, February 9, 1897. After graduation from high school he went off to the World War with the Aussie signal engineers. Later he became a pilot in the flying corps, but wounds sustained in a dog-fight cut short his career as a combat flyer.



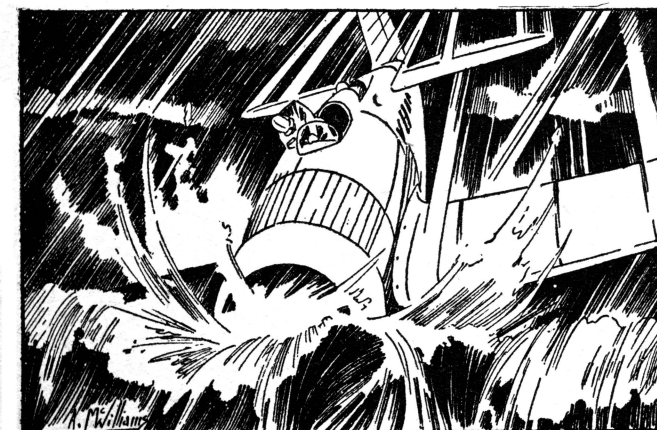
2—Following the War, Kingsford-Smith flew with Australian Airways, a company he helped to found. Then in 1928 his name flashed in the headlines when he performed the sensational feat of piloting the Fokker *Southern Cross* from California across the Pacific to Australia (May 31-June 9). The Honolulu-Fiji hop was the longest over-water flight yet made.



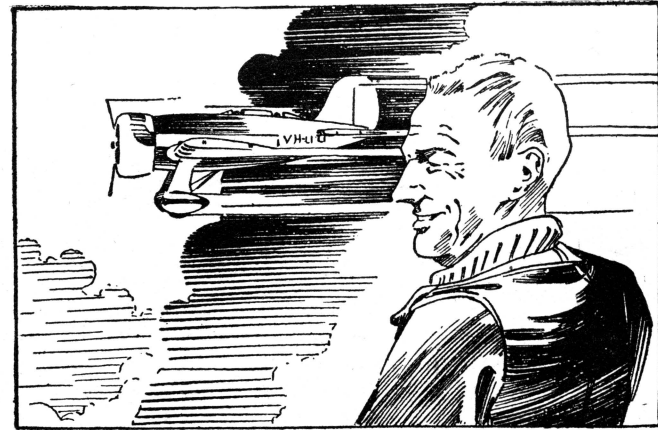
3—Next he made a 12-day flight from Australia to England and there prepared the *Southern Cross* for a trans-Atlantic trip. He and his crew finally took off from Ireland on June 24, 1930. Rain and fog belabored them, and on nearing our continent their compass went "haywire." But with the aid of radio they "made it!"



4—Soon Kingsford-Smith was back in England buying an Avro Avian. This tiny job he flew to Australia in nine days! There he received the title of Air Commodore. His next ship was the Lockheed Altair *Lady Southern Cross*, and 1934 found him flying it from Australia back to California—the second great trans-Pacific victory.



5—Then late in 1935 Kingsford-Smith took off from England in his Lockheed in an effort to break his record for the Australia run and to establish a regular airline route. But after passing the Burma-India frontier he was never seen again. It is believed that he crashed into the sea off Malay, victim of a sudden terrific squall.



6—Renowned throughout the world for his dramatic conquests of the Pacific, Sir Charles Kingsford-Smith carved for himself an outstanding niche in aviation's hall of fame by contributing flights which were remarkable for their distance, speed, and efficiency. Upon him was conferred the Medal of Honor of the International Aviation League.