

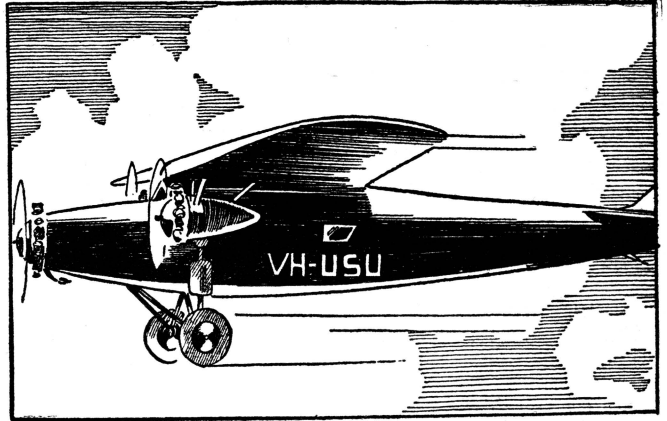
They Had What It Takes

XXVII—C. P. T. ULM—GREAT AUSSIE PIONEER

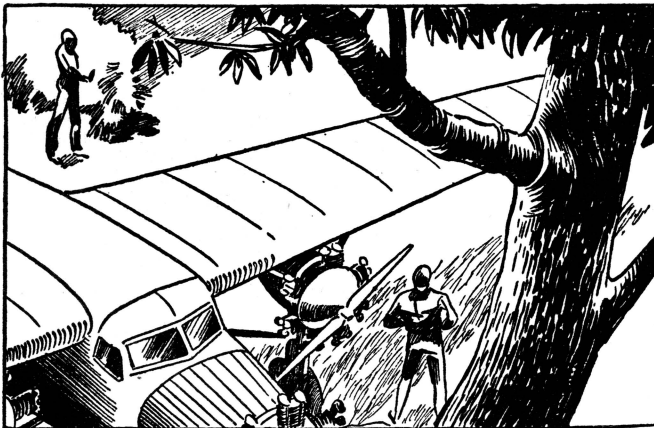
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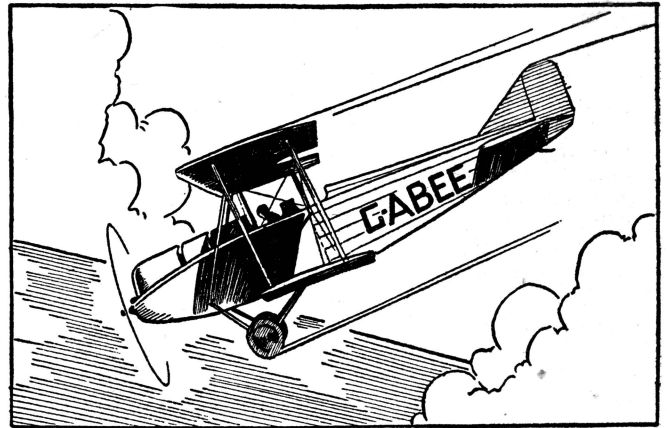
1—Born in Australia in 1892, Charles Phillippe Thomas Ulm differed from most other sky pioneers in that he did not turn to flying until he had reached the age of 27. It was in 1919 that the great possibilities of aviation in the "Down-Under" country inspired him to learn to fly. Then he immediately planned to develop an Australian air system.



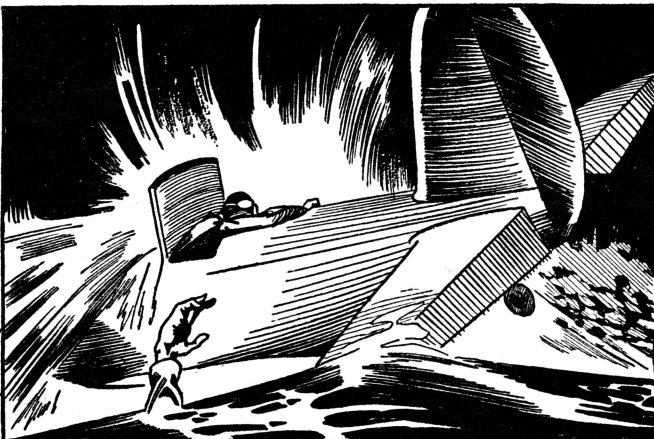
2—Ulm later became associated with the renowned Kingsford-Smith, and together they formed the Australian National Airways. Striking flights around the great continent followed. Then in June 1928, Ulm accompanied Kingsford-Smith when the latter flew the Fokker *Southern Cross* in the first astounding trans-Pacific flight from San Francisco to Sydney.



3—After an efficient round-trip sky run to New Zealand, Ulm and Smith took off in 1929 to make a fast journey from their home-land to England. Unfortunately, they were forced down in Australia's Northern Territory and stranded for 12 days before being rescued. Despite this set-back, however, they flew on to Britain in 13-days' flying time.



4—Meanwhile, the activities of Australian National Airways had lapsed, so Ulm returned home to revive them. But with the depression years badly affecting this worthy commercial venture, his reorganization plans went awry. Then Ulm again turned to record-flying. He went back to England, got an Avro Avian light plane—and flew it to Australia in seven days!



5—Next, this veteran sailed to the U. S., and in December 1934, he set forth from Oakland with two companions on what regretfully proved to be his last hop! Headed for Australia, he roared south-westward—and disappeared between the Mainland and Hawaii! Plane wreckage recently found in the sea near Honolulu may be the remains of Ulm's ship.



6—Not only was Ulm the type of pilot who could work successfully alone but he could also work co-operatively with others to achieve outstanding historical flights. He was to Kingsford-Smith in the sky what Britton was to Red Grange on the gridiron. And so Australia has written a great name on the World's Honor Roll of the Air—C.P.T. Ulm!