

The Gyro-Electric Destroyer

ALTHO the ELECTRICAL EXPERIMENTER has only been out for the past ten days, as we go to press with this article, and altho the September issue of this magazine is not as yet in the hands of most of the readers, I feel rather encouraged at the result of my last month's article. In that issue, as will be remembered, I took the advice of several readers who suggested that I build a model of the Gyro-Electric destroyer, the latter to be turned over to our Government. The funds were to be supplied by "Experimenter" readers*

The magazine was hardly out in New York before many people whom I had never seen before began pouring into my office with their dollar bills and signed blanks. All were enthusiastic and earnest about the idea. all glad to be permitted to "do their bit" and to "wipe the Hun artillery from the face of the map," as one elderly gentleman put it when shaking hands with me and wishing luck to the enterprise.

Then remittances began to pour in, in amounts from \$10.00 downward, and while the amounts so far received are relatively small, due to the fact that the magazine at this time of writing is hardly in the hands of 5% of our readers, all signs point to the actual building of the Gyro-Electric Destroyer.

In the November issue will be printed the first list of readers who subscribed to the funds, as well as the total amount collected up to that date. All amounts received up to September 23rd (the closing date for the November issue) will be found in the next issue.

This month I will content myself to print a few extracts from the letters of enthusiastic contributors to the Gyro-Electric Destroyer Fund. Here they are:

EVERY LITTLE HELPS.

"... I am a regular E. E. reader and have watched the development of the idea from the start. I also have faith in it and therefore my support, altho it may be small, will help if all of the readers are as faithful and patriotic. Wishing you success in the matter, I remain"

Yours truly,
R. H. Reitz,
Trevorton, Pa.

SHORT AND TO THE POINT.

"Make it as soon as you can and give 'em h-l."
Marshall C. Howenstein,
602 N. Main St.,
Goshen, Ind.

*See February, 1918, and September, 1918, issues concerning the Gyro-Electric Destroyer and how to help win the war with it.

HERE IS REAL FAITH.

"Enclosed find my dollar, that one I have been saving toward my subscription to the E. E., but I have confidence enough in myself to believe I can have a few more by the time it expires. I am studying electricity and it takes about all I can get to buy books and

WE TOO HOPE!

"Hope all the other 'Bugs' do the same."

Theodore Collins
Kewamia, Ind.

"I HAVE FAITH."

"... I have read 'Modern Electrics' and the ELECTRICAL EXPERIMENTER ever since they first started. I have faith in your Gyro-Electric Destroyer. Go to it and if more money is needed I can help a little at least."

Yours for success,
F. A. Barber,
Manager of Service Department, Bosworth, De Frances & Felton, Master Cinematographers, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

"ASTOUNDINGLY INTERESTING."

"... In my estimation it is an 'astoundingly excellent' idea, and you have my best wishes for its early completion."

Yours,
Walter E. Hoagland,
c/o M. L. W. P. Co.,
Mays Landing, N. J.

GOOD LUCK—AND A P.S.

"... Good luck to the 'E. E.' and to the Gyro-Electric Destroyer, and to you and to your organization. P. S. I may come across with another dollar for the 'G. E. D.' in a few days."

A. L. Terry,
1422 Hurt Bldg.,
Atlanta, Ga.

"IT IS MY DUTY."

"I am not sending you this dollar because I want my name published in your magazine. I am sending it to you because it is my duty as an American citizen under the protection of the Stars and Stripes. Thanking the originator of the idea and yourselves, I remain"

Yours,
Ferdinand L. Westheimer,
3707 Washington Ave.,
Arondale, Cincinnati, Ohio.

As a sign of the times, and merely to show what others think of the Gyro-Electric Destroyer, we reprint herewith the cover illustration of the famous French monthly *La Science et la Vie* (Science and Life).

Science et la Vie is the greatest and most widely read French popular scientific monthly. It is a really great publication, the current issue, for instance, numbering 192 pages. They choose for their cover illustration, which is printed in four colors, the Gyro-Electric Destroyer. (Cont. on page 389)



The Gyro-Electric Destroyer, a 45-Foot Monster, Built of Steel and Running at High Speed. Due to Its Large Circumference, Easily Rides Over Shell Holes and Trenches and Other Formidable Obstacles. Its Use Is Mainly to Harass and Put Out of Action Enemy Artillery by Either Grinding It into the Ground or Otherwise Bomb the Artillerists With Their Guns Out of Their Positions. Experimenter Readers Are Going to Build a Model of This Machine to Be Turned Over to "Uncle Sam." The Above Illustration Shows the Front Cover Illustration of the Largest French Scientific Monthly Featuring This American Destroyer.

things that I need in my lab; but if you need another dollar let me know so I can help wipe the Huns off the globe. I have faith in the Gyro-E-D."

T. D. Cooper,
Winterville, N. C.

Editor Electrical Experimenter:

I enclose herewith \$..... as my contribution towards building a model of your Gyro-Electric-Destroyer.

You are to build as large a model as the funds will permit and the money is to be used for the sole purpose of building this war machine. You agree to publish an exact account of all funds spent and all contributions are to be acknowledged thru the columns of the *Electrical Experimenter*.

You pledge yourself to construct the machine as quickly as possible and you will turn it over to the U. S. Government immediately upon its completion.

Name.....

Address.....