

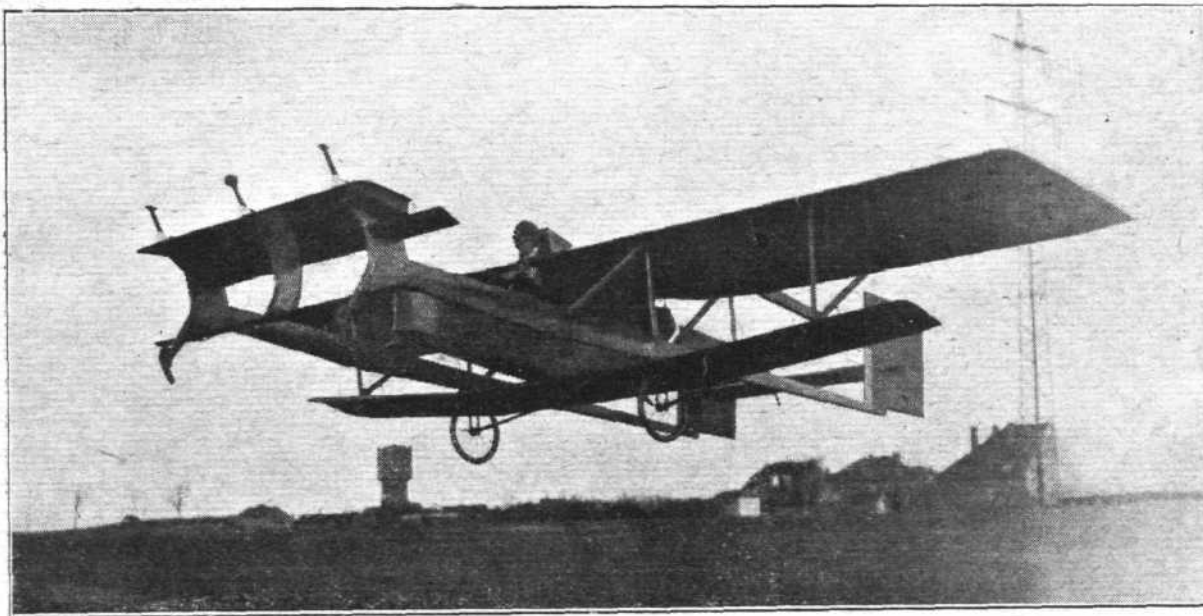
# GLIDING, SOARING AND AIR-SAILING

Those wishing to get in touch with others interested in matters relating to gliding and the construction of gliders are invited to write to the Editor of FLIGHT, who will be pleased to publish such communications on this page, in order to bring together those who would like to co-operate, either in forming gliding clubs or in private collaboration.

SOME weeks ago, we announced in these columns that Gordon England's glider had been acquired by the gliding club formed at R.A.F. Staff College and Headquarters of

syndicate, the members of which are Squadron Leader Conran of No. 7 Group Headquarters, Squadron Leader Hunter of this Headquarters, and myself, for the purpose of purchasing the above-mentioned glider. Our object in this is to get as much amusement out of it as possible, and to make a careful record of results and conditions which are conducive to successful gliding.

"The glider has had to be rebuilt, and four new *longerons* spliced on. The elevator and *aileron* surfaces have been



**THE BUDIG GLIDER IN FLIGHT, PROPELLED BY ITS 4 H.P. ENGINE :** This machine was entered for the Rhön competition of 1921, but did not then do anything very startling.

No. 7 Group, Andover. On this subject, we have received from Flight-Lieut. H. Balfour, of No. 10 Group Headquarters, Lee-on-Solent, the following letter which should help to make the position quite clear.

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Thus our correspondent: "I am writing to ask you if you will contradict an inaccurate report which has been published in several London papers and one aeroplane paper. This report is to the effect that Gordon England's glider has been purchased by No. 7 Group Glider Club.

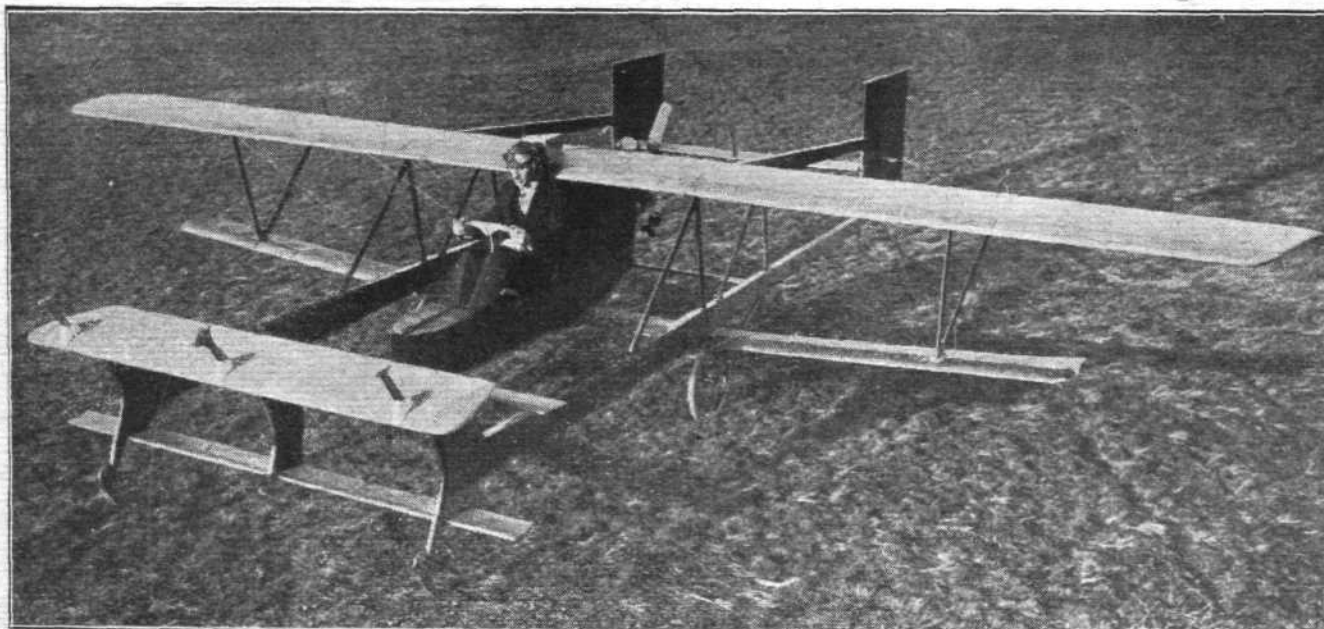
"The facts are thus: A month ago, after a few negotiations with parties concerned, I formed an entirely private

increased, and various other modifications carried out. It should be ready for trial next week.

"It is entirely our own show, financially and otherwise, and receives no official help or recognition, such as other clubs may have. We have no connection with the people 'next door,' or any other club or institution."

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So that's that. With regard to the sentence dealing with "official help or recognition," we never intended to convey the idea that such were given; on the contrary, our paragraph stated that "In the meantime, the R.A.F. is taking up gliding unofficially already." We take this



**THE BUDIG GLIDER WITH AUXILIARY ENGINE :** Three-quarter front view from above. The machine has both front and rear elevators, and in addition the small leading plane is arranged to give automatic stability.