

NEWS IN BRIEF.

(A) Picture. :- Air history written recently contains triumph and

tragedy. Miss JEAN BATTEN, New Zealand's fearless girl flyer

set out from Lympne for Brazil. She scorned taking a parachute, preferring to place all her confidence in her machine.

Luck favoured the brave, and Jean became the first woman to fly the South Atlantic, and at the same time, created

a new record for the flight, beating Jm Mollison's great performance by 21-hours.

(B) Picture. :- Sir Charles Kingsford Smith's

effort to make a new

Australian record has ended in disaster. He left England

on what he said was his last long-distance flight. His

words have proved tragically prophetic. His

'plane was last seen over the Bay of Bengal, and since then - silence !

(C) Picture. :- The last to sight Smithy's 'plane was

G.J. MELROSE, another Australian airman. Melrose left England for

Australia three days after Sir Charles Kingsford Smith. He

gave up his own attempt on the record to search

for his country-man. His efforts were not successful, and Melrose

was finally forced to abandon the hopeless

search.