

Another Chapter in the History of Wireless —

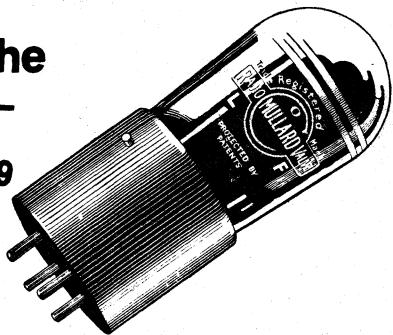
Stanley Mullard 1883-1979

A significant chapter in British (and Australian) electronics history came to a close with the death of Stanley Mullard in September last. He left behind a brand-name which will not easily be forgotten by those who have grown up with the industry.

Born in 1883, Stanley Mullard attended Sussex Polytechnic and took a position with an electric lamp manufacturer. Continuing his studies at the Northampton Institute, he became a director of the Company at 24, but left it to join Ediswan in 1915.

Even though a member of the R. N. Reserve, he continued with Ediswan during the war, involved in the production of valves for the British Admiralty. He later took charge of a special laboratory at Imperial College, London.

In 1920, he established the Mullard Valve Company and, with production exceeding two million



valves per year in 1924, he became one of the fathers of Britain's radio industry.

At about that time, he also established links with Philips in Holland, who acquired all the shares in the company over the next few years. Stanley Mullard resigned as Managing Director in 1929 but remained active in the company affairs until 1970. During that period Philips in England was — Mullard!

And in Australia, during that period, Mullard competed vigorously in its own right, even against its parent company, under the guidance of the late Eric Dare and, subsequently, the late Maurice Brown. More recently, when Philips reorganised in Australia, Mullard was officially absorbed.