

GUILLAUX, MAILMAN.

Fifty years ago, big lumbering thoroughbrace coaches, driven by cheery, red-faced bushmen, conveyed letters and papers to mining camp and out-back town, and hearty was the welcome given to Cobb and Co.'s spanking teams when they galloped into view. There are many veterans alive to-day that can recall the fame of the firm at its heyday, and it must be difficult for them to readjust their ideas concerning the transportation of His Majesty's mails when they read that Guillaux has carried a mail bag from Melbourne to Sydney by aeroplane. The contrast is almost incredible. On Thursday last the Frenchman set out on his perilous journey, carrying with him a bag of postcards and letters and dispatches for the Governor-General and various exalted civic dignitaries. By easy stages he came to Hardoi that day, and was held up there by adverse weather conditions. On Saturday morning he left Goulburn and flew to Sydney, landing in Moore Park at three o'clock to be accorded one of the most enthusiastic receptions that excited Australians could give. He accomplished what is a record flight across mountains, and although his journey was fraught with danger, he came through successfully.