

## Statement by Harold Bride

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The following thrilling statement was dictated today by Mr. Bride, the assistant Marconi operator on board the Titanic, to the New York Times representative, in the presence of Mr. Marconi, who is now staying in New York:

"I joined the Titanic at Belfast. I was born in Nunhead, London, S. E. , twenty-two years ago, and joined the Marconi staff last July. I first worked on the Haverford, and then on the Lusitania, and was transferred to the Titanic at Belfast. I didn't have much to do aboard the Titanic, except to relieve Phillips, the senior operator, from midnight until some time in the morning, when he finished sleeping." "There were three rooms in the wireless cabin. One was a sleeping room, one a dynamo room, and one an operating room. I took off my clothes and went to sleep in the bed. Then I was conscious of waking up and hearing Phillips sending to Cape Race. I read what he was sending. It was only routine matter. I remembered how tired he was, and got out of bed without my clothes on to relieve him. I didn't even feel the shock. I hardly knew it had happened until after the captain had come to us. There was no jolt whatever. "

The Help Signal, "C.Q.D."

"I was standing by Phillips, telling him to go to bed, when the captain put his head in the cabin, 'We've struck an iceberg,' the captain said, 'and I'm having an inspection made to tell what it has done for us. You had better get ready to send out a call for assistance, but don't send it until I tell you. ' The captain went away, and in ten minutes, I should estimate, he came back. We could hear terrible confusion outside, but not the least thing to indicate any trouble. The wireless was working perfectly. 'Send a call for assistance', ordered the captain, barely putting his head in the door. 'What call should I send?' Phillips asked. 'The regulation international call for help, just that. ' Then the captain was gone. " "Phillips began to send 'C.Q.D.' He flashed away at it, and we joked while he did so. All of us made light of the disaster. We joked that way while we flashed the signals for about five minutes. Then the captain came back. 'What are you sending?' he asked. 'C.Q.D. ', 'Phillips replied. "

Joking About the Collision

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