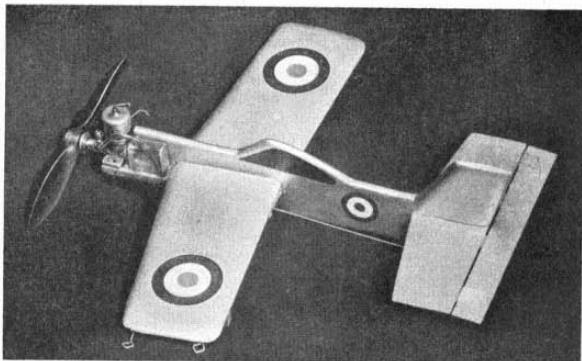


STILETTO

by Ray Malmstrom

Who's FOR a crashproof, cheap, easy-to-build control liner that you can assemble from ply and balsa in a couple of hours, ready for a spot of line circulation? Ray Malmstrom's latest masterpiece has a Spanish air about it, but you won't have to dress up like a Toreador to fly it!

For the youngster who wants to get used to control lining without risk of prancing an expensive kit, or for the experienced man who wants to run in his new .5 c.c. diesel, *Stiletto* is the answer. Simply transfer the dimensions given for the wing, tailplane and fuselage on to balsa sheet, making the wing joint a firm one in the centre with perhaps a ply brace from panel to panel, and cut the elementary plywood engine mounting plate from an old piece of packing case or anything that looks handy for the job. The tank is a transparent toothbrush container cut down to size with the ends blanked off, and a couple of holes pierced through for the fuel lead



and filler. You'll have to buy a small size bellcrank for a few coppers and link up the controls so that the elevator is neutral when the two lead out wires, bent from 20 gauge piano wire, are equal in length at the wingtips.

Stiletto flies well on any line length, from 12 to 25 ft., but 25 ft. of fishing line is advised, and even if you do try to stab it into the deck, you will find that, providing a plastic prop is used, there will be no more damage except perhaps a bent wing, which can be put right with a dab of cement. Original *Stilletos* have been doped silver all over with commercial transfers to boost the appearance.

