

## The Pigeon Post



*In World War I, the US Army made wide use of homing pigeons for communications. Soon, the radio and telephone had supplanted bird-mail, but World War II called the pigeons back to duty. Pigeons provided simple and reliable communications in remote areas, with little risk of interception. Pigeon power was brought to bear in the 1944 campaign for the Admiralty Islands in the Southwest Pacific. In this*

*photo, Pvt. George Treskow (l) releases a pigeon with a message tube tied to its leg. Meanwhile, Signalman Allan Duffield of Australia reads a message retrieved from an incoming bird. The US and Australia combined their bird forces for the Admiralties campaign.*