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Guglielmo Marconi



Top Left: By August 1895 Marconi had succeeded in transmitting signals over a distance of nearly two miles.

This picture shows tests taking place on Salisbury Plain in the following year.

Top Right: On15 June 1920, in Britain's first advertised public broadcast programme, Dame Nellie Melba

broadcast a song recital from Marconi's works in Chelmsford.

Bottom Left: In 1936 the Marconi-EMI system was adopted by the BBC for its public high definition television

service - the first in the world. The photo shows the aerial at Alexandra Palace.

Bottom Right: Although head of a world-famous commercial enterprise, Marconi's consuming interest lay in scientific

experimentation, and he was never happier than when, as shown here, he was at sea on his yacht,

investigating new methods of communication and navigation by wireless.