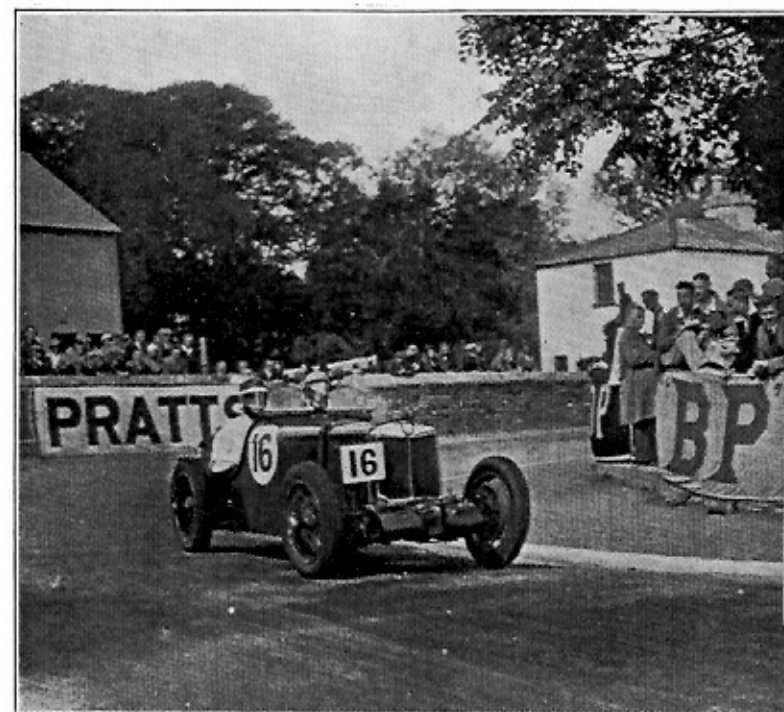


## FAMOUS DRIVERS OF M.G. CARS



No. 3  
H. C. HAMILTON

BORN and educated in Ireland, H. C. Hamilton came to England in 1922, and served his apprenticeship at the Talbot factory, and is now on the sales staff at University Motors, the London distributors for M.G. cars, where he has been for the last 3½ years.

"Hammy," as his friends have nicknamed him, is 28 years of age; he started racing in 1930. Previous to this date he had been a keen motor-cyclist, competing on various occasions at the Kop Hill climbs, and in a number of reliability trials. In the Junior Car Club's Double-Twelve hours race of 1930 he drove a Riley Nine in company with Whitcroft, and finished third.

Probably his most outstanding achievement up to the present was in the 1931 Double-Twelve when, at the wheel of an un-supercharged M.G. Midget he drove solo for the 24 hours, finishing in third place at an average speed of 63.21 m.p.h. In the Ulster T.T. of the same year he set up a record lap for cars of 750 c.c. with a supercharged M.G. Midget.

Mechanical trouble prevented him finishing in the J.C.C.

1,000 miles race of 1932, in which he competed again in an M.G. Later in the season he took the Midget to Germany, and won the class for 750 c.c. cars in the German Grand Prix at Nürburg Ring. He also competed in the French Grand Prix and the B.R.D.C. 500 miles race on both occasions with Bugattis, in company with Earl Howe.

While practising for the 1932 Ulster T.T. in a supercharged M.G. Midget he put up an unofficial lap record at 74.7 m.p.h., but a crash later on, while practising, prevented him from starting in the race.

Early in 1933, Hamilton, who acted as Earl Howe's partner, shared the wheel of one of the M.G. Magnettes, which were competing in their first race—The Mille Miglia (the Italian 1,000 Miles Race), and finished at record speed in second place in the light car category; they also formed part of the Midget team which won the team prize in the same event.

In the Isle of Man, Mannin Beg race, "Hammy" put up the fastest lap in an M.G. Midget. During the summer of this year, he spent a period on the Con-

tinental competing in various events with his supercharged M.G. Midget, during which time he was successful in winning the 750 c.c. class in the Eifelrennen at the Nürburg Ring, the German Grand Prix Hill at Friedbourg, setting up a record for the class and making the fastest climb of all cars up to two litres, and a class win and 750 c.c. record at the Reisingebirgs Hill Climb (Germany).

In addition to his numerous achievements Mr. Hamilton has won a number of events at the B.A.R.C. meetings, and holds with an M.G. Midget the mountain course lap record for 750 c.c. cars at 69.28 m.p.h.

*In the smaller picture above, Hamilton (full-face) is seen talking to Louis Chiron, while in the larger photograph he is depicted rounding the sharp bend at the foot of St. Ninian's Road, in the Mannin Beg.*