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UK MAKES ITS LAST TYPEWRITER

AS FINAL FACTORY ENDS PRODUCTION

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The UK made its last typewriter yesterday as manufacturer Brother ended production after 27 years and 5.9 million machines.

The final typewriter was made by Edward Bryan, who had worked at the Wrexham factory since 1989.

He said: "I have made so many typewriters down the years – I once managed to make one with my eyes closed."

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Brother's UK boss Phil Jones said the typewriter had "a special place in the hearts" of the public and the firm's last machine will go to the Science Museum in London.

He felt the donation would be a "fitting tribute" to the machine.

The typewriter was invented in 1830 and became a success in the 1870s after the QWERTY keyboard was invented and mass production began.

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