

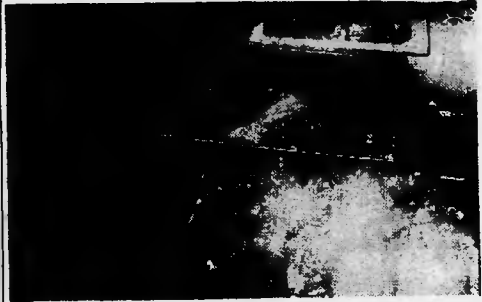
Transition Crew Goes Into Action



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CONTACT! The pilot of this plane is rarin' to go and awaits the signal from the control tower. Building a strong Air Force is a big order but Seymour Johnson Field is providing plenty of training for Aircraft Mechanics as well as pilots at the present time.



Planning a course of flight is important. (Left to right) T. Sgt. J. F. Farnell, Major Wm. E. Waters, Lt. T. O. Lawton, Lt. Wm. Scifani and Lt. J. Leeton plan and study a map together before taking off. Scenes like this occur daily all over the world where Allies plan battle flights.

Nazi Army Sees Invasion As Possible

German army experts, taking a long and careful look at the "chances of Anglo-American invasion of Europe," acknowledged Friday that such landings might be carried out successfully, but only at heavy cost to the invaders. A Berlin broadcast discussion of two invasion articles in the German Army organ Die Wehrmacht, recorded by the Associated Press, declared transport difficulties were the greatest Allied invasion problem, but added: "An Anglo-American expedition-

ary force might perhaps succeed in crossing the Mediterranean and landing somewhere in southern Europe, but it would not have the slightest chance in battle against the Axis continental armies with their millions of well-trained and well-equipped troops." The Nazi writer also admitted that invaders "might perhaps succeed in obtaining a foothold at some points on the Norwegian coast for some time" but declared that for such an event preparations have been made for prompt and effective counter-measures. "It cannot be denied, of course," the broadcast said, "that the Anglo-American occupation of Tunisia created a new situation in the Mediterranean. "It would be foolish to ignore the fact that the Anglo-Americans now are in a position to use the bases in Tunisia for offensive operations against Europe. "Anglo-American troop and war material concentrations in the southern Mediterranean can be prevented by the Axis forces only to a certain extent."

These Are The Marines!

Before Pearl Harbor, two San Pedro, Calif., girls were standing on the shore watching the good ship Henderson, loaded with Marines, leaving for Shanghai. "Where are they going?" one of them asked. "China," replied the other. "China!" she exclaimed incredulously. "What are they going to do there?" "Say, Millie," said the other, eyeing her friend pityingly, "ain't you never been out with a Marine?"

Feel Air Power

LONDON British fighters made a sweep over Northern France Friday without loss and one enemy aircraft was destroyed. It was announced authoritatively. At the same time German fighter-bombers scattered explosives over a southeast coast town and then shot up the streets, causing a number of casualties including some killed.

From The Mail Bag

Dear Alfred: You will probably be shocked at my forwardness but I have tried time after time to lead up to the matter and somehow never could. Since it has been on my mind for several weeks, I have at last decided to ask you. Ever since I met you, you were very friendly but as weeks and months passed by the feeling grew into something more beautiful and sincere. I never thought such a problem as this would enter into my head at such an early age. Yet here it is! I don't know whether it is proper or fair to ask you this question. However, I do know whatever your answer may be you are true enough never to tell anyone. You are the only person I ever wanted to ask this question. In reply, please be positive, sincere and truthful. Above all thought of hurting my feelings. Be honest. Tell me, do you think the Lone Ranger should sell his horse if he is drafted? Sincerely Your, Curiously



Men of the 802nd Technical School Squadron stand at "attention" as Lt. Col. Hurt walks through "open ranks" for a weekly Saturday morning inspection. GI hair cuts, shiny belt buckles and shoes are just few of things needed to pass these close inspections.



LOWRY FIELD..



ANY BATTLEFIELD

Here Today--Prepare for Tomorrow

Psychology has entered the business of callisthenics and physical fitness at Lowry Field. The Army Air Forces Technical Training Command students at Lowry Field are learning why they do "burpees," "the side-saddle hop," walk the "horizontal ladder" and slide down twenty-foot ropes. It's all done through a series of monthly cartoons showing the exercises as it is done today at Lowry Field and what application may be made of it tomorrow in a combat zone or theater of operations. Original idea was furnished by Lt. William Schmitz, director of Physical Training at Lowry Field, when a disgruntled private wrote in one day and wanted to know the "why and wherefore" of push-ups and arm exercises. Collaborating with Staff Sgt. William Sanderson, an artist at the post, Lt. Schmitz was able in a month's time to put on all the squadron bulletin boards a sprightly cartoon that made the boys stop and think. So popular did the idea become that a new cartoon is now issued monthly. Emphasis is placed on the positive side in the drawings. Divided into two panels, the first part is captioned "Here Today - Lowry Field" and second part is lettered "Prepare for Tomorrow - Any Battlefield." Typical example of Sanderson's work shows the first strip in one cartoon with a series of soldiers walking the "horizontal ladder" and the second panel depicts a soldier climbing a tree limb in a jungle and about to sink his G.I. shoes into the neck of an unsuspecting Nip. Another cartoon is based on the "S. E. Lowry Field," a part of the obstacle course on the field where soldiers learn to slide down ropes without sustaining hand and leg burns. The punch of the cartoon lies in the fact that the soldiers may some day have to "abandon ship" and the more facility acquired now, the less dangerous the task later. The drawings are the inspiration of Staff Sgt. William Sanderson, an artist in the Film Training Preparation Unit at Lowry Field. A former artist for the New Yorker magazine, Sanderson brings a wealth of professional experience into the cartoons that lend a touch of the professional to them. His work at the post entails visual aid and training film drawings. Already the cartoon idea has met with much favor with post officials and prospective plans call for its extension to other posts in the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command. Whatever the outcome, soldiers no longer ask how this arm exercise or this leg work will help them "Prepare for Tomorrow - Any Battlefield" is working psychological wonders on the callisthenics grounds at Lowry Field.

