

# INVASION

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vasion, like *Blitzkrieg*, depends for success upon great power concentrations built up in a very short time on a relatively narrow front.

The time element also works for the invaders. While it is impossible to conceal completely the vast preparations of a modern army, the exact moment when the attack is launched usually comes as a sudden shock to the defense.

There is an interval of time when the defenders recoil from the first heavy blows. This opportunity must be exploited to the full by the attackers. Before defensive reinforcements can be brought up, the beach heads must be secured, a preliminary grip must be fastened on lines of communication leading inland, and as many airfields as it is practical to seize must be brought under control.

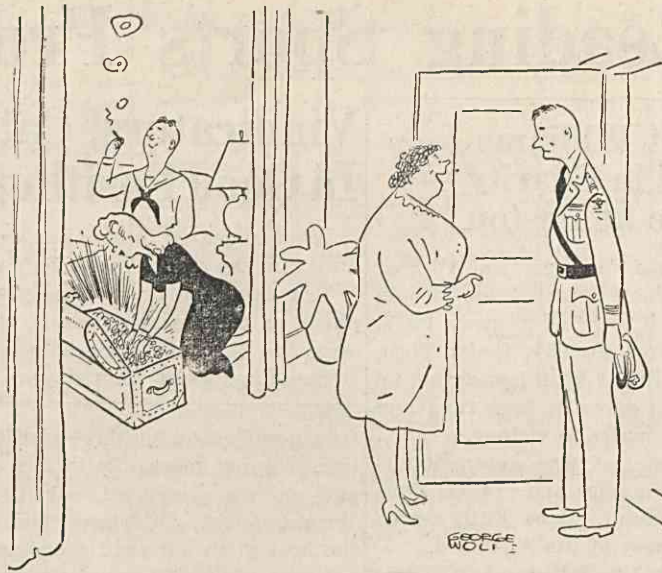
The time that elapses before the defenders regroup their strength and reestablish equality of forces may be from two to four days. In short, the critical moment for the invaders is not so much the first hour ashore as the third or fourth day, when the enemy, having effected his concentration, begins his proper counter-measures.

Two important objectives lie before the invaders: airfields and ports with quays. Ultimate success may depend upon the seizure of airfields by parachute and glider troops in the first hours of invasion. Captured fields are not only denied the enemy, but they become bases for the supply of invading ground forces fighting in the vicinity. The use of airfields as centers of air-borne supply is as important as their normal function of sustaining fighting aircraft.

Ports with installations such as quays, cranes, wharves, and so forth must be captured if heavy equipment is to be landed successfully. While moderate-sized tanks and field pieces can be put ashore in barges, heavy artillery, locomotives, sixty-ton tanks, ammunition and gasoline in quantity require elaborate docking and unloading facilities.

Troops may fight for many days with the supplies brought in by air or deposited upon the beach, but final success can be won only with equipment that is landed on the docks of some captured port.

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"Elsie says to tell you that she's dated up for some weeks to come!"

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## AIR STATION

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Sabo, USNR, will be behind the plate, Cadet Joseph Coleman on the mound, Lt. (jg) John A. Hasset, USNR, on first, Ensign Ed Moriarty, USNR, on second and Cadets John Pesky and Louis Grep on short and third respectively.

Cadet Theodore Williams will be in left, Ensign Harry Craft, USNR, in center, and PhM3c Allen Cooke in right.

Other than the game tomorrow the only other contest scheduled during the coming week will be played tonight in Greensboro. There the Cloudbusters meet the Carolina Victory league All-Stars at Memorial stadium. Players opposing the Pre-Flighters were selected on teams from Charlotte, Concord, Landis and Salisbury and they represent the cream of independent ball in North Carolina.

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credit on the entire service and gives the Navy a bad name in civilian communities.

The responsibility of maintaining the Navy's reputation as an honorable and trustworthy organization rests with every man in the service.

So remember, mates, the next time you're on liberty or at home with the folks, conduct yourselves in such a way as to add to the proud heritage of the Navy.

—The Bainbridge Mainsheet

## ARENDT

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Lt. (jg) Mack, disbursing officer, will report to the Naval Operating Base at Norfolk, Va. Along with Lt. Comdr. B. H. Micou, (SC) USNR, former supply officer at this station, Lt. (jg) Mack was the first officer to report for duty here.

## WILLIAMS

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med three homers into the out of bounds parts of right field, and the Babe, bothered by his trick

## Married

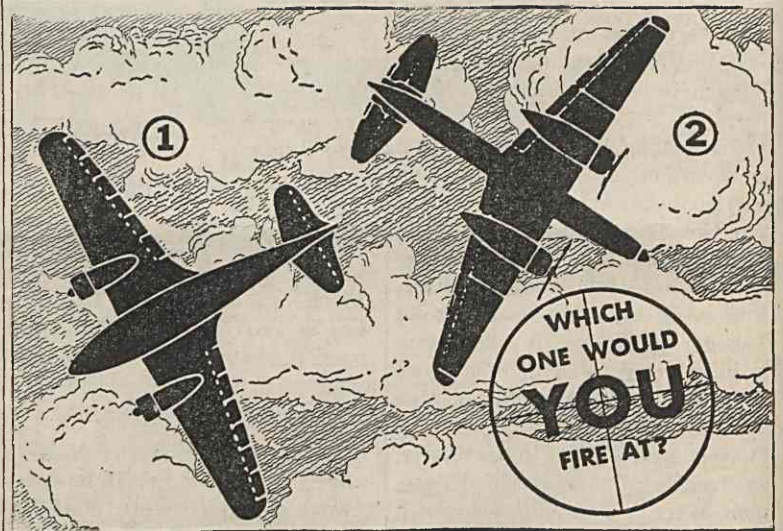


ENSIGN BETTY MUNROE, USNR, and Lt. (jg) Peter Fick, USNR, both of whom were stationed at the Pre-Flight School here until last week, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Howell, Michigan, last Sunday night.

After a short honeymoon the couple will make their home at Jacksonville, Florida, where Lt. (jg) Fick has been transferred to the Naval Air Station there.

Ensign Munroe was a Navy nurse here while Lt. (jg) Fick, who is a former Olympic swimming star, served as assistant to Lieut. John Miller, USNR, head swimming coach.

knee, his advancing years, and also by a very mean foul ball which caromed off his ankle just couldn't get the ball close to the boundaries.



**FIRE AT NO. 1:** It's the Japanese Mitsubishi Mc 20, a midwing bomber powered by two radial engines. The wings of this bomber are tapered to rounded tips. Nose of the long streamlined fuselage extends forward of the engines. The tailplane is tapered and has single fin and rudder.

**NOT AT NO. 2!** It's the Douglas A-20, known in the RAF as the Havoc, a three crew attack bomber with two radial engines. The leading edges of the high midwings are untapered. The trailing edges are swept forward to narrow tips. Engine nacelles extend behind the wings, and the nose of the fuselage projects far forward of the wings. The tailplane is elliptical.