

U.S. ARMY LEARNS LESSON OF CRETE.

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Title: Farewell To Arms.
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American forces have left the States to garrison Iceland, proof that the U.S. war machine is getting under way. The first division (six hundred motor vehicles, 5000 men) said goodbye to New York, and the old woman, and prepared to embark. This division was not bound for Iceland, but for manoeuvres. It's secret destination was rumoured to be down South, on the Atlantic seaboard. Only recently the troopships were luxury liners.

Now the manoeuvres ! Machine gun units lined up, as troop carriers released a hundred parachutes. The States are thoroughly alive to the threat of air invasion.

(FOUR SCENES WITHOUT VOICE)

(LV MORE 'CHUTES) They fired real bullets, but don't worry, only sandbags hung from the parachutes.

Next, gas drill, through a thick cloud of the real stuff. It's good to see that the U.S. Army is preparing for war as it's fought in 1941.

To-day's way with barbed wire is the bangalore torpedo, loaded with 24 pounds of TNT.

Flame-throwing ! It's obvious Uncle Sam knows all about the latest tactics; any time he cares to put them into practice it's O.K. by us.

(GV) A pill box is the objective now. While defenders take cover inside, attackers leave a bangalore at the front door, and the postman only knocks once.

It was the Air Department's great day and the world's biggest plane, the Douglas B.19, was ready for flight. It dwarfs everything else in its path. For the first hop it took only a light load. From the top floor of a skyscraper you can step straight in.

The curtain was ready to go up. They pulled round the great props to suck gas into the engines, and next moment she was taxi-ing along. Come on, Uncle Sam, pick up thee musket. And she is up, airborne quicker than they expected. That's why she wobbles a bit. The pilot said

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afterwards he was over-anxious....£700,000 worth of aeroplane. 212 foot wing-span, a total of 9,000 horse-power, range 7,000 miles, 82 tons, all-up.

A leisurely 75 mile cruise and the B.19 comes to earth again. As in the take-off the slight wobble is purely in the handling of the controls. A million-dollar insurance policy covered the maiden trip and the insurers haven't lost their money.

The biggest thing in aviation is ready for war. Take a look,
Hitler !

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OFF-STAGE VOICE---FLASHES

1. Title: ARMY PLAYS WITH FIRE

2,6. Uncle Sam's 31st engineers' assault squad in action! First, enemy barbed-wire entanglements are blasted away by a Bangalore torpedo, loaded with 24 pounds of TNT! (explosion)

7,13. The objective is a pillbox, and the attack is now taken up by the latest in flame-throwing devices. Flame throwers have already played a big role in Europe's new war. In this maneuver, the fiery weapon compels the pillbox defenders to take turtle-like cover in their concrete shell. Then--a final round of TNT! (Explosion)

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OFF-STAGE ~~VOYAGE~~ -- B-19 PASSES
TEST FLIGHT

1. Title: ARMY(S B-19 DOES FEEL

Man's biggest aeronautical achievement -- the four-motor Douglas B-19 bomber -- is ready for flight! Dwarfing everything that comes into its path, the huge plane takes a light load for the initial hop from Santa Monica to March Field, California. Tests with full military load will come later. The B-19's capacity weight is 82 tons. Now -- take-off from a crush-proof concrete runway. Previously the heavy bomber's wheels broke through flexible type pavement...but no slip-up this time. Yet it's dramatic as fiction--this take-off by a sky-going colossus! The Army's ~~gigantic~~ giant recruit leaves the ground--wobbling a bit...but pilot Major Umstead blames it on his own overcontrolling....the ship's okay! Three and a half million dollars worth of airplane. A 212-foot wing spread! 4 motors totalling 8 thousand horsepower! A non-stop range of 7,000 miles! Top speed 210-miles an hour! Facts and figures that startle the imagination! A leisurely 75 mile cruise in 56 minutes, and the B-19 comes down to earth again! -- for a thrilling picture! As in the take-off, the slight wobble is purely in the handling of the controls. Major Umstead says the landing indicates that despite its enormous size, the B-19 could make use of any first-class field. A million-dollar insurance policy covered the maiden trip. And the B-19 has done it! To the crowd at March Field, Major Umstead calmly and confidently pronounces the plane's performance satisfactory. The ~~Major Umstead~~ looks like he's just maneuvered the world's biggest bomber. So on to sterner tests goes the B-19. The Army Air Corps calls it a laboratory for study of gargantuan aircraft....a mammoth guide to future aerial progress!

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OFF STAGE VOICE--THE NEW U.S. ARMY

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1. The New U.S. Army
2. Uncle Sam moves ahead. Here, the First Division rolls onto New York--about five thousand men and more than six hundred motor vehicles. There's an overnight stop and for some reunion. The Division has been training in New England. Tomorrow they sail for war games with Marines somewhere along the Southern Atlantic coast.
9. Reveille is before dawn, and daybreak finds the division embarking with full equipment on three Army transports. The ships are former luxury liners, recently converted. Instead of lifeboats, the davits cradle landing boats like these, for use in the war games.
19. It's reminiscent of 1917 and '18 when the boys went "Over There"---but this time it's only to do mock battle with the United States Marines.
1. At the Aberdeen Proving Ground, Company D of the Fourth Battalion goes through its paces. Especially selected for training as non-coms, this outfit has been dubbed "the supermen" by their buddies. And in gas mask drill they look ready for the daring feats of the fictitious Superman.....
7. At regimental parade, the company gets semi-official recognition...a company banner with Superman himself in his flying cape. The student commander of the trainee company takes the emblem---and if anyone kids this outfit now, they'd better watch out for Superman!
2. At Fort Lewis, the 205th Coast Artillery's machine gun unit drills against parachute troops. Overhead bombers roar--and down they come, one hundred parachutes. And live bullets blast away!
9. One hundred more..but don't be alarmed. Sandbags not soldiers, are attached to the parachutes.
14. Sample targets show at least forty bullet holes per sandbag.
1. Here's an army of patriots--the William Andrew White family, 18 children strong, The children range from Michael, age 16 months to William age 23. They've turned out to buy defense stamps. On a systematic basis they'll buy stamps every week for conversion into defense bonds. The father is a treasury department employee--and really believes in the soundness of investing in Uncle Sam. Father White says...
10. So a salute to a platoon of patriots;