

BRITONS TEACH LUFTWAFFE PILOTS TO FLY AIRLINERS

Five years ago we shouldn't have believed it. At the Air Service Training School four German pilots are getting instruction, Walter Blume of Cologne, ^{and} Rudolf Mayr from Heidelberg flew against us in the war. Now they're the nucleus of ~~an~~ a German airline, with Johannes Rathje ~~and~~ a native of Berlin, Herbert Topp. They haven't flown since ¹⁹⁴⁵ ~~the war~~. In a Chipmunk trainer on the school airfield they are learning to adapt their wartime flying technique to the needs of modern civil aircraft. Some people dislike the idea, looking with some alarm at the prospect of a new generation of pilots growing up in Germany. The other view is that not even our enemies can be kept down permanently; in the long run it's safer to turn them into friends. After three months instruction at this school near Southampton the Germans will go to America to practise with Convairs and Constellations.

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