

NEWSBRIEFS.

Uncle Sam's Army Rangers are given much the same kind of tough training as our Commando forces. In the school of hard knocks, the human frame has to withstand plenty. It's a wonder shell splinters don't bounce right off them.

What looks like a dream walking, are Rangers done up like the Rustle of Spring. Graduation exercises include a cross-country over the Blitz course, where all the back alley fighting tactics of gamsters come into play. Every fight is a battle for survival of the fittest.

And they get their baptism of fire a long way from the war.

*Guadalcanar.*

U.S. Army men arrive at Guadalcanar to replace American Marines on the Island, which has now been cleared of the Japanese. This recent hot-spot in the Solomons is stocked with plenty of equipment, and is still likely to play a part in future operations. Men who cut the Japs to pieces now have time to relax. A shave, even with a Jap sword is a luxury. The Nippon Generals ran away when the end came. These are some of the rank and file they left behind. After many months of intense fighting, the Marines depart.

Here are the men who wrote the communique which said "Guadalcanar has been taken completely - there is no longer a vestige of any Japanese forces on the Island".

*Ram problem*

News flashes from the home-front in America. The perambulator problem in the States is being met by mothers in Washington this way. They bundle up the babies Indian style and carry the little papp papeese slung on their backs.

The family may weight heavily on mothers shoulders, but it makes for easier shopping. (Those oranges look nice, don't they?) Well, it's a good idea, except for those with triplets.

*Dutch baby*

Prince Bernhard and his two eldest daughters, Beatrix and Irene. These pictures come from Princess Juliana's home in Canada. Little Irene knows what it is to be a back-seat driver.

Margaret Francisca is the new baby daughter born in Ottawa. She continues the nearly hundred years of "girls only" in the Dutch Royal Family. By special decree, a corner of Canada was made Dutch territory, so that the Princess might retain her nationality.

*Tedder.*

Air Chief Marshal Tedder, Air C -in -C Mediterranean, arrives by Flying Fortress at Allied Headquarters, North Africa, to take up his new appointment. Sir Arthur Tedder, the man who directed the air side of General Alexander's victory over Romell, is now responsible to General Eisenhower for all air operations in the Middle East.

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Once again the Pyramids and the Sphinx, those silent monarchs of Egypt's ancient sands become the centre of attraction for sightseers. U.S. Army Air Force personnel taking in the sights and learning to ride camels in one easy lesson. A little patience and courage, and the joys of a camel ride are theirs. For a small consideration, photographers will record their happy moments.

An hour ago, he knew nothing about camels. Now look at him. Complete master of the saddle and a finished rider. Hold it... Now smile please.