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Dr. Benes.

Dr. Benes visited a fighter station where a Czechoslovakian squadron is co-operating with the RAF. He congratulated the British airmen to whom his Government has awarded the Military Medal of Czechoslovakia.

Wing-Commander Woodhall ... Squadron-Leader BlackwoodFlight Lieutenant Sinclair.

The decorations are a coveted honour awarded by our brave ally.

Trask: RAF College March. Discs: Nil.

Air Marshal Sholto Douglas, new head of the Fighter Command, was in attendance when the Duchess of Gloucester inspected a company of Air Force girls. Her Royal Highness is a commandant of the WAAFS. Every button was properly polished, every tie straight, and all in order for the usual march past.

Don't look, but I think we're being photographed.

Discs: 252.363.829. Track: City Streets.

Torpedoes are carried on the new 70-mile-an-hour motorboats for the American Navy. Five of the little ships went for a trial run up the Hudson River and gave New Yorkers a free show.

Not so long ago navies had no time for anything smaller than destroyers, but speedboats capable of sinking a battleship are useful craft, as our own M.T.Bs. have taught the Germans. The U.S. motorboats made a fine showing.

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- 3. Torpedo patrol boats:
- 4. New mosquito boats for America's two-ocean navy. These 80-foot speedsters carry torpedoes, anti-aircraft batteries, and depth-charges. Each costs about the same as a medium bomber. They cruise at 50 miles an hour and are said to hit 70---
- 10. Graduation on the training ship Illinois. 264 new ensigns hear Ass't Navy Secretary Compton in the first midshipmen's graduation ever held outside of Annapolis. Last summer today's new officers were college-trained civilians, boarding the battleship Wyoming for 25-days at sea. Then came three months of classroom work under naval officers. And now, commissions as the first of 5,000 volunteer officers to complete training. It's fleet shoy, for active duty.
- 23. Land and sea craft. In the swampy Louisiana Boyous, marsh buggies demonstrate how to pull big guns through sloppy going. Bauyandy-tires, ten feet by 33g inches, do the trick at ten miles an hour in water, 25 miles an hou in marshes. Something new in Army mules.
- 30. Big gun reserves. The army rushes reconditioning of forty million dollars worth of field pieces and big howitzers---all in storage since 1919. They're ready for duty in the training camps, and ordnance experts say, as good as Europe's newest.
- 38. Mufti men--the new civilian home guards. Tacome drills a land unit of volunteers for emergency duty. This is one of the first in a nation-wide plan.
- 42. A cavalry unit learns to patrol power lines. The home guards furnish their own horses and equipment and have no connection with the national guard.

46. The civilian navy unit---yacht club members who drill in harbor patrol. Each home guardsman learns first aid, air raid precautions and how to police in emergencies. Volunteer citizens, making their loyalty practical.