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BOMBERS FOR BRITAIN  
Inglewood, Calif.

*Selected Scenes*

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Start of "Fly-away Delivery" of part of many bombers being built for British Air Force.

Santa Monica, Calif. -- With airplane production for America's needs rapidly accelerating, large-scale flyaway deliveries of fighting craft for Great Britain, and Norwegian military units training in Canada, began today at the plants of Douglas Aircraft Company.

While powerful attack-bombers for United States Army Air Corps, and swift dive-bombers for the Navy and Marine Corps were rolling off Douglas production lines in ever increasing numbers, the first group of new DB-7A bombers today was poised at Los Angeles Municipal Airport ready to leave tomorrow for New York, there to be delivered to representatives of England.

At the same time another consignment of BA-5 attack ships reared off for Toronto, where Royal Norwegian military units are taking delivery on an order for 36 originally placed by the government of Norway.

Neither the exact route nor the time of arrival at destination was made public for either flight.

Last week the United States Army Air Corps announced it had received the first of the formidable new Douglas A-20A attack-bombers, for which it has placed large orders. Personally heading the delivery flights of Norwegian airplanes is Major Victor E. Bertrandias, Douglas vice president in charge of export sales, who fought overseas during the first World War as a member of the famed "Lafayette Escadrille".

Commander of the bomber flight to the East is O.W. ("Bill") Coyle, formerly chief pilot for the western division of TWA, and now head of expert flight tests for Douglas. For a time previous to the collapse of French resistance, Coyle was in charge of a contingent of Douglas men stationed in French Morocco to assemble and service airplanes shipped from Southern California, other Douglas pilots at the controls of ships leaving today and tomorrow include: Lee Bishop, Edwin Ross, A.J. Viccellio, John Martin and Jimmy Hazelip, famous racing flier.

Douglas officials disclosed that substantial numbers of additional airplanes of DB-7 and B-A types are now undergoing final tests, and being prepared for delivery, and they did not deny that the Douglas Company's British and Norwegian orders would run into hundreds of airplanes. These officials pointed out, however, that the major portion of production under the Company's record \$350,000,000 backlog is for the Government of the United States.

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LOCKHEED GIFT TO BRITAIN  
New York City

1. Gen.v. plane outside of hangar.
2. Angle view painting name on side.
3. Angle view fixing plane.
4. Tiltup of fixing plane.
5. Gen.v. crowd and plane.
6. Semi-v. people shaking hands.
7. Gen.v. crowd applauding.
8. Semi-v. pilot Mattern.
9. Gen.v. plane taking off.
10. Semi-v. plane towards camera.

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