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America is rapidly increasing her army and putting it into shape for mechanised war. Ten thousand men and 12 hundred lorries took part in a one day transportation test from Oklahoma to Texas, a matter of 250 miles.

(AIR SECT) They weren't sorry when lunch time brought the first stop and a midday roadside meal. As they'd set off at dawn and had nothing since, their appetites were up to foot-slogger standards.

Short-wave radio kept touch hour by hour with the other half-column, which had taken another road. Inside half-an hour the motorised division was refuelled and on the road again.

In a seemingly endless caravan of hundreds the lorries went through town after town, putting the miles behind. But let's see them move as if chasing an enemy who for neutrality's sake shall be nameless.

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"BLITZ MARCH"

1. TITLE.
2. Dawn, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and the nation's greatest motorized troop transfer. 10,000 men and 1,104 vehicles are off for Camp Barkaley, huge new training center near Abilene, Texas. Comprised of former Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and Colorado guardsmen, the big caravan moves 223 miles.
9. A brief stop for lunch and a welcome stretch.
13. Mobile short wave radio transmitters direct the precision march of the rolling 45th Division.
16. Fueling on the march is accomplished smartly. The American soldier takes to motor transport quickly, and "first gear, second gear" seems destined to replace "hay foot, straw foot" in doughboy language.
20. An impressive sight, but our Paramount News camera gives a preview of the way they'll be rolling when this country really gets in high!