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When the world's biggest plane - the 82-ton Douglas B.19 - set out for its taxiing tests the weight was too much for the runway. The eight-foot wheels smashed through the concrete. The huge bomber can carry 28 tons, 7,500 miles. Four 2,000 h.p. engines give it a speed of over 200 miles an hour.

On test the plane was bounced, to see whether the front wheel could stand landing shocks. For its first actual flight it's been insured for one million dollars.

(BV) The B.19 has a wing-spread of 212 feet - it's rudder is as high as a tall house. It is claimed that it can carry a load of bombs and 125 soldiers from New York to Berlin and back - but why back?

An enterprising London Zone of the Home Guard has organized its own camp. The Secretary for War, Captain Margesson, showed official appreciation by paying a visit. Browning machine-guns are now a standard issue to the Home Guard, which has progressed a long way from the days of dummy rifles. Tommy guns were also in evidence.

Like the rest of the camp, the cookhouse was built and equipped by the men themselves, and beyond a daily mess-allowance of one-and-six a man the food-bill costs the nation nothing. The week-end campers come to the cookhouse door with appetites sharpened by the morning exercises. Nobody wants to disregard this injunction; the Home Guard marches on its empty mess-tins.

One hundred British evacuees, some with their mothers, were guests of honour on summer opening day of the famous Rye Fun Fair. Just the thing to give 'em.

The shooting-gallery's bang up-to-date. If any Nazis parachute to New York they'll think it's Chicago. So many machine-guns it must have been a kiddies' paradise.

Just before they called it a day there were ices all round. Let's have a lick.

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Preview of flight by the world's biggest military plane!
Taxi tests for the Army's B-19 Douglas bomber, and the
82 tons of airplane breaks through a concrete runway.
Landing wheels 8 feet in diameter must be propped over
to firmer concrete. ~~Man has never before dared so~~
~~gigantic as this plane.~~ The B-19 can carry 23 tons
load, can fly at altitudes above 22,000 feet, can
cruise 7,500 miles on one fueling. Four motors
turn ~~up~~ ^{her} 2,000 horsepower each—give a speed above
300 miles an hour.

8. First taxi test is the nose-bounce to determine
whether or not the $4\frac{1}{2}$ -foot nose wheel can stand
landing shocks. For the first actual flight
a one million dollar insurance policy has been
taken out. The Douglas company will pay a premium
of \$22,000 to insure the first minute of flight.

11. The big plane has a wingspread of 212 feet--its
rudder structure is 4 full stories high. Carrying
bombs and 125 fully equipped soldiers it could fly
from New York to Europe and back non-stop.

13. American ingenuity has built this sky mammoth---
probably even bigger planes will follow when actual
test flights have been completed on the B-19. Uncle
Sam is really spreading his wings!