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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.