

ARMY EXERCISES WITH INVASION BARGES.

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Invasion tactics are now routine army training. From assault boats, like those used in the Lofoten Raid, troops can land wherever the shore is smooth enough to beach the craft. In this realistic manoeuvre large numbers leapt ashore the instant the boats touched ground. They carried mortars with them.

By way of audience the troops had the Prime Minister and Admiral Sir Roger Keyes, as well as some army experts. Now that German regiments are being transferred from the west to Russia, speculation is rife as to when the invasion barges will be in use again. New-type ammunition carriers were in use, in fact the reassuring thing about this exercise is the amount of mechanical and armoured equipment, plus all that goes with it, that can be quickly landed. Over ground too rough for wheeled traffic, tractors drag ammunition sledges.

In case assault parties are attacked before our own aircraft are on the spot Bofors anti-aircraft will see they don't get away with it.

Cruiser tanks are well within the compass of the assault boats and it's no longer true that you must have control of a good harbour before you can put a strong force on enemy shores. These well conceived operations were no doubt much to the liking of two such combative souls as Roger Keyes and the Prime Minister.