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English girls married to Canadians are off to their new country. By special train they left London for an unnamed seaport on the first stage of the big journey to the far west. There was a kitchen on the train to make sure they had a hot meal and babies got warm milk.

A liner on war service was waiting to take them across the Atlantic. May the day not be far distant when the young wives will be joined by their husbands in their homes over the sea.

Air sea rescue technique is improved by a newly designed lifeboat to fit under the bomb-bay of a flying fortress. Arrived over the spot where airmen have bailed out the boat is released and as shown here in slow motion is let fall by three large parachutes.

Watertight compartments keep the lifeboat on even keel in any sea. When rescued men clamber aboard ^{they find} a petrol engine with fuel for 500 miles, food and water for two months. A great idea for the Pacific war.

Off Leyte, in the Philippines, that war is being desperately fought out. Brought down by anti-aircraft that Japanese plane death-dived on to an American landing craft.

Casualties were quickly taken ashore. Meanwhile, on the construction of the vitally needed airfield, liberated natives helped the U.S. engineers, General Macarthur looking on.

Mac's foothold in the Philippines is now secure.