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FLYING FORTRESSES ON TACTICAL MANOEUVRES

Speeding away from Marchfield at 300 m.p.h. a squadron of Flying Fortresses drones over Inglewood in a tactical problem on the defence of Southern California. Units of the 17th and 19th bombardment groups took part in training flight. All of the planes are attached to the first wing of General Headquarters Air Force. Each of the 18 ton Flying Fortresses carries a crew of nine men and can fly at an altitude of 30,000 feet. Beyond the coastal hills squadron fliers heading out over the Pacific for a simulated attack on the mythical invader. This flight is in conjunction with National Defence Week, sponsored by the United States Officers Association. The Army Air Corps re-ensures the nation of the protection it affords in the defence to our American shores.