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AIR TRAINING FOR BOYS OF SIXTEEN.

Sir Archibald Sinclair, Secretary of State for Air, tells you how boys can begin to train for the Air Force at 16 years of age.

(Sir Archibald's speech)

The young men who have won us mastery of the air at home and over the Western Desert, and have carried the war far into Germany and Italy, have had to pass stringent tests of physical health and skill of mind and hand. As the Royal Air Force grows we need more such men. Many who are physically fit lack, through no fault of their own, the theoretical knowledge which is necessary if they are to understand and absorb the training which is given in the Service. I will never countenance a lowering of standards: but I am equally determined that no one who has the health and capacity shall lack opportunity. We are therefore forming the Air Training Corps to give to every fit young man from 16 upwards a chance to learn and acquire skill in preparation for service in the air when he reaches the right age. This gives you young men your opportunity. You will be welcome in the Royal Air Force.