

R.A.F. IN U.S.A.

The establishment in America of a vast air training scheme for R.A.F. Trainees, brings thousands of young Britons to the States to grow wings. Here in Dallas, Texas and at other bases throughout the South and South-West, the pupils are learning to become "ace men of the air" ready to uphold the magnificent record of the finest Air Force in the World. Class room study and ground school technique fit them for the highly skilled calling which has won for Britain mastery of the air. On the airfields they meet their instructors; friendly men who are veterans in the art of flying; many of them having had a crack at the Boche in the last war.

The parachute class take a lesson in harness drill and release mechanism. Out pops the 'chute and shroud lines and "bob's your Heinkel". The more they know about it the better - they haven't invented sky hooks yet.

These lads are getting the best of everything and are having a rattling good time. Off duty, there's always the chance of a bit of whoopee. Here's an invitation to "go West young man" from the ranch girls. Very Hot out West. But who wouldn't be a cowpuncher. (Hang the cow, he's ready to punch anything on four legs) - give me that horse - now ride him "cloud-boy".

After a few weeks of intensive training the great day arrives when all they have learnt on land is tried out in the sky. Helmets and goggles are issued as another day brings them nearer the time when they'll be fighter pilots ranging the skies in search of combat.

Keen youngsters who are now sitting behind the controls of U.S. trainer planes will soon be in the cockpits of Hurricanes and Spitfires. They come from all parts of the Empire, and within a few months they'll be in the battlefield of the clouds overseas. The youthful spirit of daring adventure coupled with the best that scientific training can produce, is moulding an army of airmen second to none.

Inspired by the heroism of their brothers in the ~~front lines~~ front line fighter stations, thousands are following to be at their side as Britain fights for the freedom of mankind.