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U.S. AIR CADETS

Another batch of recruits comes to join the United States Air Force at Randolph Field and they're stepping it out. Most of these young men have graduated with honours from civil aviation schools and now they are looking forward to the real thing. The new cadets in hooded Link trainers get their first taste of blind flying. Without leaving the ground they do banks and spins of rolls while their comrades watch the manoeuvres on instruments that plot the pilot's course. The long line of machines roars out its symphony while the new pilots get ready to take over. Now into the air for formation flying, they're real airmen at last. Pilots of their own planes. Men with wings. Randolph Field for the preliminary course and nearby Kelly Field for the advanced, form the nerve centre of the United States vast aircraft training programme. Present plans provide for the schooling of 30,000 airmen a year, young men of 20 to 26 and many of them, it is hoped, will stay put as commercial pilots.