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LORD LOUIS AT SANDHURST .

**A Passing-Out Parade of Royal Armoured Corps and Reconnaissance Corps
Cadets at Sandhurst.**

**Vice-Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten, Chief of Combined Operations,
takes the salute. The ceremony makes a fine spectacle. A new
war-time departure from the traditional awarding of swords, is the
placing of Sam Brown belts of honour on the best cadets graduating out
of the Royal Military College.**

Lord Louis Mountbatten now addresses the new officers.

**"I understand it is the custom of the visiting officer to
address some remarks to those officers who have just got their
commission, but as it is less than a year since I got my own
commission in the Army, I will refrain from giving them any
military advice.**

**If I might say one word about combined operations. If any of
you go out and buy a 6d Atlas and look at the map of the world,
you will find that after we have cleared the Axis forces out of
Tunisia, there is nowhere else that any of us soldiers can go and
fight unless we are taken there by seaborne expedition. Unless in
fact, we carry out a combined operation, by the Army, Navy and the
Air Force, no prospect can ever exist of military fighting in this
war."**

Now Lord Louis recounts an amusing true story.

**"It concerns the first U-Boat to be sunk by an American Destroyer.
The Captain of the Destroyer was pardonably proud. He made a
signal to his Admiral under whom he was working saying "Have
sunk U boat in 47-40 N, 37-30 W. Where an I". Well, the Admiral
got the signal and scratched his head and said -"Where an I" - "
I suppose he's in 47-40 N, 37-30 W, Where the Hell's he think he is".
However, he sent for an American Liaison Officer to come and interpret
the signal. The Liaison Officer took the signal and read it and said
"Have sunk U-Boat in 47-40 N, 37-30 W, Where an I". Why he said,
Admiral, the answer's easy - "Top of the Class".**