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SUBJECT: Shaw Field, Sumter, South Carolina, as a Permanent Army Air Forces Installation.

TO : Whom it May Concern.

1. In conforming with the requests of the good citizens of Sumter, South Carolina, that the writer express his views on the feasibility of Shaw Field as a permanent Army Air Forces base, it is a pleasure to write the following paragraphs.

2. On 2 July 1941, I reported to Sumter, South Carolina, as Air Corps Project Officer for the construction of Shaw Field. I remained at Shaw Field, as commanding officer, through the construction period and until 29 June 1943, at which time I was transferred to another command by War Department Order.

3. During my two year tour of duty at Shaw Field, the citizens of the city and county of Sumter had an extremely cooperative spirit. Never was there an occasion when I was not given their whole-hearted support when their assistance was required on such matters as the acquisition of real estate for auxiliary landing fields, etc. It is my belief that at no other station in the Eastern Flying Training Command did there exist as fine a relationship between the military personnel and the local civilian population as at Shaw Field.

4. The construction of Shaw Field included many permanent fixtures. In this group should be mentioned:

- a. the sub-drainage system for cantonement area and airdrome proper;
- b. the curbs and gutters in the cantonement area;
- c. the six inch concrete runways and airplane parking aprons;
- d. the two metal hangars;
- e. the mobilization type construction of the buildings, which will stand for years;
- f. the five and one half miles of railroad spur and sidings;
- g. the concrete swimming pool;
- h. the concrete sidewalks;

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- i. the perimeter hog proof fencing with metal fence posts embedded in concrete;
- j. the five miles of outfall sewer line;
- k. there are over 2100 acres in the allover landing field which is so well drained that landing can be made even after the heaviest rains;
- l. there are many other features at Shaw Field which make this base a desirable permanent installation.

5. Shaw Field is not located on any civil airways. This means that flying operations may be conducted day or night at this base without interfering with traffic flying the airways, an important consideration when deciding the permanence of an air base.

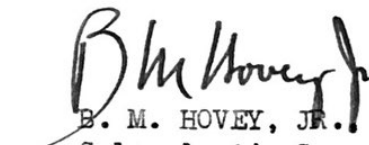
6. Shaw Field is leased by the government at a cost of one dollar per annum. This, coupled with the enormous cost of construction, in my opinion, should be given weight in considering the permanence of this station.

7. The flying weather in Sumter County has been excellent the year round, and a minimum amount of flying time is lost due to bad weather.

8. The climatic conditions, being what they are, tend to make Shaw Field a very healthy base on which to be quartered.

9. The venereal rate at Shaw Field has always been low; this was especially true among the negro troops during the period I was in command.

10. Thus, in summary, in the opinion of the writer, Shaw Field not only is one of the finest Air Force bases in South Carolina, but one of the best in the Southeast portion of the country. Consequently, I feel that Shaw Field would make a very fine permanent installation for the Army Air Forces.


B. M. HOVEY, JR.
Colonel, Air Corps.

Shaw Field

January 9th, 1945.

Brig.-Genl. John L. Williams, Commanding General,
27th Flying Training Wing,
Moody Field,
Valdosta, Georgia.

My dear General Williams:-

Our people generally are deeply interested in Shaw Field and what it has meant to the community since it was established. Therefore, we are always desirous of doing any and all things possible, within our power, to assist the officers in carrying forward the work at the Field and in providing entertainment for the men who are training there.

I believe that we have met with some degree of success in that respect, because the closest co-operation has existed between the officials of Shaw Field and the officials of the City and County of Sumter. I feel that each and every Commanding Officer we have had has done a splendid job, and know that they have, insofar as cooperation with the officials of the City and County is concerned, and while I would not make a statement that would detract in any way from any of them, or the fine work they have done, I do feel that during the four months Colonel Donald W. Titus has been stationed here that everything has moved along in a great way in every respect.

Colonel Titus is well known among the officials of the City and County, among the church people, and among our citizens generally, and it is felt that he can always be relied upon to do everything possible to keep everything moving in a spirit of harmony. He has delivered addresses before the various civic clubs of the City, the Churches, and other public gatherings, and our people generally have been impressed with his sound logic and the interest he manifests in matters of public benefit.

Brig.-Genl. Williams

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January 9, 1945

This letter is written without the knowledge of Colonel Titus, but feeling that he should be commended for the fine work that he has done here, I am taking the liberty of submitting to you my thoughts in that connection.

Cordially yours,

Fulton B. Creech,
President.

FBC:MF

• Noticed In Sumter

Unless the weather changes before Sunday Easter finery is going to get a chilly reception this weekend. Lower temperatures are forecast for tonight.

Add to the list of nuisances: Persons who use profane language on the streets, even some young boys; persons who let bottles break on the streets; and dogs that overturn garbage cans and roam into back yards. At least those are some nuisances reported to the writer this morning. "There is one dog that won't let my clothes line alone," the lady protested, "I'd settle for an early morning horn-blower any time."

Signs of the times: Auto parked on Main street with two pieces of corrugated roofing patched to the top.

The Shaw Field Public Relations Office announced today that due to unforeseen production difficulties the two stage shows promoting the sale of War Bonds on April 30 and May 1 have been postponed to a later date. The performances were scheduled to take place on the stage of Edmunds High school auditorium.

The Sumter Public Library is growing steadily and there are now more than 20,000 books on its shelves available for use by the people of Sumter county, also the weekly and monthly reviews and magazines. The number of regular patrons of the library runs up into the hundreds, but still the facilities of the library are not utilized to the fullest extent. There appear to be many residents of Sumter who are not aware of the service that the library offers free of charge.

The moon is full tonight and fishing should be fine during the next few days, provided fair and warmer weather prevails. Game wardens report more fish in the creeks and lakes of Wateree and Santee swamps than usual. Over on Lynchies river there is a larger run of shad than observed for several years, and quite a number of large roe shad have been taken recently.

The Sumter Packing Company cannery, now operated by Indian River Brands, under new and experienced management, will afford this season a market for beans and other surplus canable vegetables produced in Sumter county.

The "work or fight" law, enacted by the recent session of the legislature, should, it is to be hoped, have a noticeable effect in reducing vagrancy and habitual loafing. There is work for every person able to work and those who are not willing to work should be forced to do so. Those who will not work

son, Wis., attended the State Normal school at Whitewater, Wis., until he was called into the Army in 1918. He served as a private during the first World War.

Major Feind is a graduate of the International Accountants Society



ENOUGH MONEY FOR NEARLY THREE TIMES AS MANY JEEPS as are shown in this picture was invested in War Bonds and Stamps by Edmunds High school students in a campaign which closed yesterday. The treasury department had set the value of jeeps at \$900 and investments at Edmunds were \$18,900, or enough for 21 of the vehicles. Other city schools also participated in the drive, which opened March 1, and representatives from various of them are shown riding in the jeeps which were borrowed from Shaw Field to celebrate the victory. (Staff Photo).

Edmunds High Students Invest Enough Money In Bonds, Stamps To Buy 21 Jeeps

Edmunds high school students invested enough money in War Bonds and Stamps between March 1 and April 19 to buy 21 jeeps for the Army, acting principal William Henry Shaw announced today. The campaign, part of the Schools at War program, which is being conducted in cooperation with the U. S. treasury, was staged throughout the country and the goal, in terms of jeeps, was 10,000 for the nation.

South Carolina's quota was 63 jeeps and thus the local high school students have reached exactly one third of the whole state's aim.

By last Friday only slightly more than \$8,000 or enough for nearly nine jeeps had been invested at the school and Mr. Shaw challenged the students at assembly to raise that figure by \$5,000. They met his goal and doubled it, adding \$10,000 to their investments by yesterday when the campaign closed. The exact figure was \$18,900, and jeeps were valued by the government at \$900 each.

A surprise, promised the students by the principal if they met his challenge, will take effect Thursday, when they will be dismissed from their classes at noon at all of the city schools.

A group of students from all the schools also took time out from their classes yesterday to ride in jeeps borrowed from Shaw Field, to celebrate their victory.

Jeeps also have been bought at the other schools but exact figures were not available today.

At the Junior High school students celebrated Adolf Hitler's birthday today by concentrating on the purchase of \$18.75 bonds and \$1,800 was invested.

should not eat, and those who feed the vagrants and habitual loafers become accessories to a misdemeanor. There are too many able-

Rev. Karl W. Kinard Speaker Tomorrow At Lutheran Church



Rev. Karl W. Kinard

Rev. Karl W. Kinard, former pastor of St. James' Lutheran church, and now president of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina will be the speaker tomorrow evening at the Holy Week services being observed at St. James Church this week each evening at 8 o'clock. Rev. Kinard was for eight years pastor of the Lutheran church here, and his wife, the former Miss Esther Osteen was also from Sumter. They have many friends in Sumter who look forward to their visit.

After leaving Sumter, Rev. Kinard was for ten years pastor of the Lutheran Church of the Ascension, and for four years secretary of the synod. At the recent meeting he was elected president.

Court House Will Be Closed Every Saturday Afternoon

Court house workers, under a law just passed by the legislature, will have every Saturday afternoon off and the building will be closed.

The law passed permits the closing of any county courthouse for one afternoon a week and county employes here agreed on Saturday as their day.

Their half-holiday will begin at one o'clock that day commencing Saturday of this week.

Clerk of the County Board R. T. Brown and Clerk of Court Raymond Blanding were busy this morning tacking up signs announcing the closing of the building Saturday.

The half-holidays once a week will continue throughout the year.

Funeral Services Of Allan Way

The funeral of Allan A. Way, age 35, was held Friday at the Shelly-Brunson Funeral Home. Services were in charge of Rev. E. W. Reynolds, assisted by the Rev. J. H. Simpson. Solos were rendered by Mrs. J. R. Jones, accompanied by Mrs. F. E. Buck, organist.

Mr. Way was born in Berkeley county, but had made Sumter his home for many years. He was the son of Odie and Mrs. Lillie Moore Way, and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Molly Ginn Way, his parents, a brother, Claud Way, and a sister, Mrs. J. D. Williams, all of Sumter.

Interment was in the Sumter cemetery. Active pallbearers were Hayward Sutton, Claude J. Davis,



WASTE PAPER SALVAGE IN SUMTER: Scenes above were taken by Item Staff Photographer Mood Dollard last Sunday as members of Rotary, Kiwanis and Lions clubs of Sumter collected 19 tons of waste paper for the war effort. The men are shown loading the paper on New Field trucks which facilitated the drive, workers from Shaw aiding the Sumter business men. To the extreme right, top right, photo seen Solicitor Frank McLeod, Kiwanis head. Other citizens may be recognized.

Willie Lee Ashley First Sumter Negro To Receive Wings

Willie Lee Ashley, Jr., has the distinction of being the first Sumter colored youth to win wings at the Army Basic school, Tuskegee, Ala.

A member of the largest class to complete the course at this school, he was the first in the class to solo the basic trainer and the first to get his wings and bars.

He entered the cadet corps in February. Due to previous flying experience at Hampton and Tuskegee he was not required to take the three-months primary course but entered at once the basic flying training.

Lieutenant Ashley is now in combat and pursuit school and he writes to a friend: "This school of which I am a member is instructing the 99th pursuit squadron. So anytime you read something concerning the 99th you will know there is a Sumter boy in there plugging away to do his best to 'Keep 'em Flying.'"

Other Sumter boys training at Tuskegee are Emmett Rice and James Rembert.

Combat Photographer
Leyward Crowson takes
movie of fire in Fientsin
China 1945



Sumter County's Heroes Who Are At War

Moses Johnson
James Pinkney Murns
Clarence Rice, Jr.
Jonnie Wright
James Hunt
John Henry Walker
Fred Hill
Leroy McGhee
Herbert Eugene Wilson
Ira David Pinson
Ruben Eaddy
Sammie Lee Richardson

George Randolph McCain
William James
Leroy Bowman
George Richardson
Jeremiah Williams
Isham McCall, Jr.
Junior Davis
Freddie Lee Kennedy, Jr.
Chappel Hampton
Richard Branch
Harvey Lee Green
Walter Burgess

Claude Scarborough
James Bracey
James Phillip Rembert
Frankie James Cleckley
Lewis White
Peter Singleton
Sam Buckner
Frank Scott, Jr.
James Solomon Wright
Lewis Pitts
Luther Holmes
Shedrick Vaughn, Jr.
Irvin Newton Taylor
Walter Junior Richbow
John Lewis
Billy Wilder
William Butler Tarleton
Willie Bates
Karl Casie Jones
Malachia Singleton
James McBride
Isaac Colclough Jackson
Wilson Rolerson
John Dick
David Parker
James Henry Willis
Freeman Olden
Charlie Golden
Perry Van Colclough
James Calvin Colclough
Johnnie Harrison Hill
Edward Dinkins
James Counts
Samuel James
James Vaughn
Harold Nelson Delaine
Leo Lewis
Frank Jones
Walter DeLain
James Murray
Lyle Davis Moses
Lewis Croon
Mitgo Dicks
Freddie Alonzo Preston
Willie Joe Scarborough
Earl Blanding
Lewis Eugene Watkins, Jr.
Ernest Calvin Sanders
Nathan Carpenter
Davis Colclough
Leroy (Rod) Thompson
Harold Sanders
William Burroughs, Jr.
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Robert J. Dabbs
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 John Vernon Wilson
 Jesse William Wood

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 Monroe Amerson, Jr.
 Charles Herman Andrews, Jr.
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 Julian Ardis
 Willie Ashley
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 Frank W. Bagnall
 Thurston Henry Bagmal
 Charles B. Baker

John Henry Baker, Jr.
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 Henry Davis Barnett, Jr.
 Leon Sinclair Barwick
 Thomas Neal Beall, Jr.
 William Edward Bell
 Richard Baker Belser
 William States Belser
 Donald McQueen Blanding, Jr.
 James Dolz Blanding
 Herbert C. Booth
 James Rolfe Booth
 Hazel E. Boyce
 Clarence Willie Boyce
 Sanders C. Boyle
 Ashby William Bradford, Jr.
 James Wesley Bradford
 Harold V. Bradley
 William Barcliff Bradley
 William Johnson Brennan
 John Clifton Brewer
 Robert Wade Brice
 George Legare Broadway
 Harry Brown
 Sidney M. Brown
 Robert Alford Burgess
 Sidney W. Burgess
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 William C. Chandler
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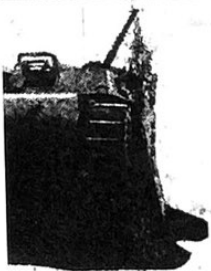
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David Morton Reed
Donald Calvin Copeland
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Pasquall Cochran
Lawrence Ray
Isaac Whitworth Bradley
Thomas Benjamin Ardis
Milton Canty Baker
George Best, Jr.
James Terry Bax
James Rollins Galloway
Marvin Leroy Truluck



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CAPT. KELLY



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CAPT. COLIN P. KELLY, JR., No. 1 American hero of this war, sank the Japanese battleship Haruna two days after Pearl Harbor, then crashed to his death. The spirit with which he dove his plane through enemy fire and later saved the lives of his crew but not his own, still flies proudly alongside every Yank airman. Colin Kelly, like Nathan Hale, is much more than a name.



CAPT. WERMUTH



LT. COMDE

CAPT. ARTHUR W. WERMUTH, the one-man army of Bataan, spent hour after hour prowling behind the Japanese lines to kill more than 100 enemy soldiers and seize others by the dozen. One night he tiptoed up to an opposing patrol, handed a live grenade to one of its members, and walked silently away before the missile and the patrol blew up together. Capt. Wermuth was among those on Bataan when it fell.

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genius, inspirational power won him fame as one of the greatest generals.



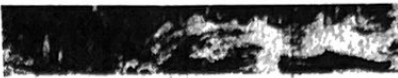
While other Union generals fumbled, Gen. U. S. Grant took Vicksburg, became supreme commander. Realizing Lee must be beaten, he threw in enormous forces, wore him down.



War with Spain found Adm. George Dewey's squadron 7,000 miles from home. He slipped into Manila harbor at night and at dawn smashed the larger Spanish fleet.



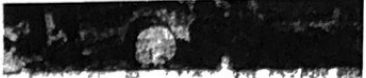
As U. S. commander in France, Gen. John J. Pershing strongly urged offensive instead of trench warfare. Allied generals believed his soldiers were weak. They altered their opinion.



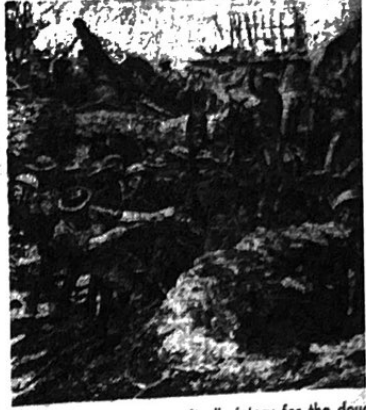
MEXICAN WAR: Many pioneers gave their lives for Texan independence at places like the Alamo before the U. S. sent soldiers to their aid. After American forces smashed into Mexico by land and sea the tide turned. The final blow fell when the U. S. army (above) stormed Chapultepec outside Mexico City.



SPANISH-AMERICAN WAR: Remember how the Maine blew up in Havana harbor with 260 casualties? Panic spread along the eastern seaboard. Rough Riders died at LaGuasima, Cuba (above), and on San Juan Hill. Other Americans fell in Puerto Rico and the Philippines before American guns blew the Spanish fleets out of Manila and Santiago Bays.



CIVIL WAR: Prospects for the Union side seem bleak at first. Its armies were jolted at Bull Run, Leeburg, Shiloh, Cedar Run and Chancellorsville. Waington was threatened. Lee's bold invasion of north reached Gettysburg (above). Only after did Sherman march south and Grant take Richmond.



WORLD WAR: It wasn't all victory for the dough boys who went to France. They tasted defeat during the German break-through at St. Quentin, in a capture of Soissons, in the drive to the Marne, in the battles of the Somme before the tide turned with the arrival of more and more Americans. From Chateau Thierry on, they were unstoppable.

Sumter County's Heroes Who Are At War

- Archie Edward Hooker
- Phares Edward Chatham
- William Woodruff Doby
- George Solack Stone
- Joe Willie Coker
- Charles Burnett Graham, Jr.
- Ivan Stuckey Nunnery
- Edwin Lansing Atkinson
- Arthur Joseph Hamilton
- Thomas McDonald Book
- Infant Randall McCallister
- John Elliot James
- Floyd W. Sledge
- Richard Oliver White
- Jefferson Young
- John William Cook, Jr.
- Leola E. Alexander Brown
- Flora M. Alexander McLeod
- Norma Charles Adams
- Janis Lennard
- Ann Clarence Parks
- James Lee Moore
- Manning Monahan Brown
- Louis Bates Taylor
- Edward Macomber Moore
- Stanton Franklin DeWitt
- Thomas Allen Atkinson
- James Leinson Anderson
- George Preston Atkins, Jr.
- Joseph Alvin Tuttle
- Carol Ekins Heath
- Thomas Boyd Rhoads
- Oren Eugene Bradley
- LaFayette Bernard Adams
- Robert Moss Martin
- Kenneth Rowell Young
- Sumner Jewell Smith
- Harry Bolton McLeod
- Joseph Elliot Brown
- Warren Boyd Adams
- Hugh John Lee
- Herbert W. Lee
- William Robert Taylor
- James Lawrence Auld
- Marion Eugene Smith
- Clayton Leon V. Phillips
- Theodore Holmes Parker
- William Colquhoun
- George William Young
- James Daniel Boyd
- George Jacob Bell
- Marion Rivas Hill
- William Woody Parker
- Charles Lee

- Harrell Eugene DuRant
- Junius Haselden, Jr.
- George Alexander Coker
- George Waring Parker
- Henry Gordon Fishburne
- Abel McIver Fraser
- Francis Marion Mobe
- Robert Edwin Graham
- William Hopkins Seal
- John Moore
- Harry Hoyt Rembert
- Kenney Wilton Taylor
- Samuel Leroy Baker
- Marion Edwin Hoshalter
- Carl Derek King
- Marion Renbert Holliday
- Clarence Ray
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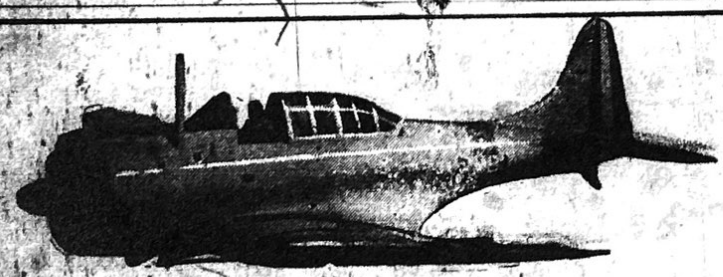
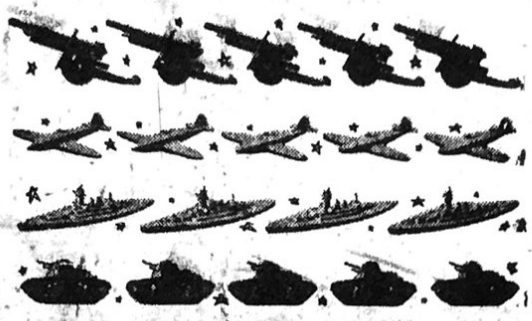
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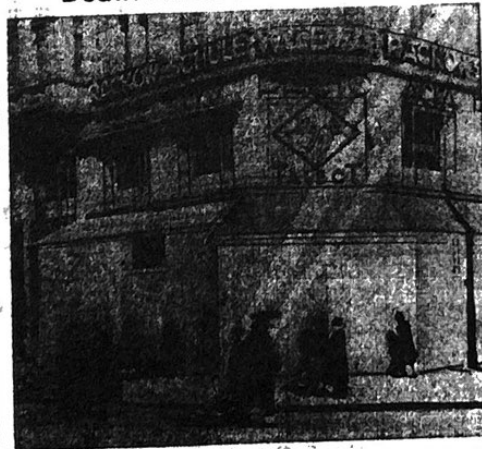


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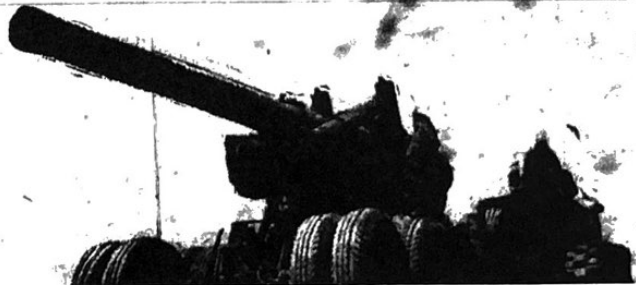
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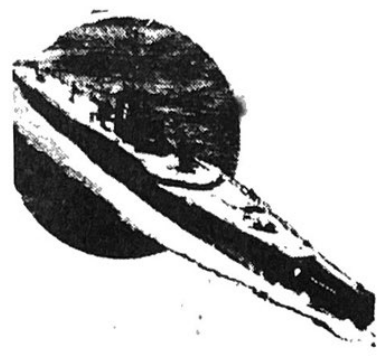


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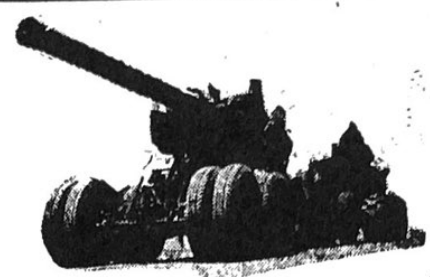
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