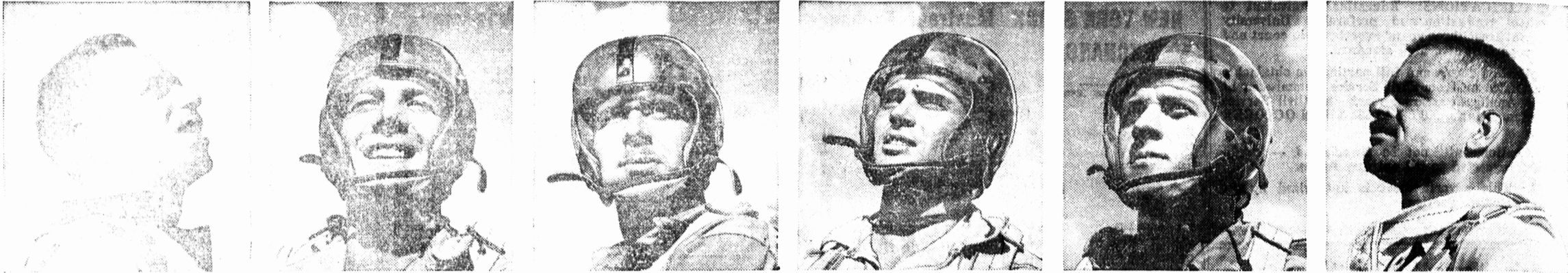


First Canadian Paratroopers Win Wings at Great U.S. Training Centre

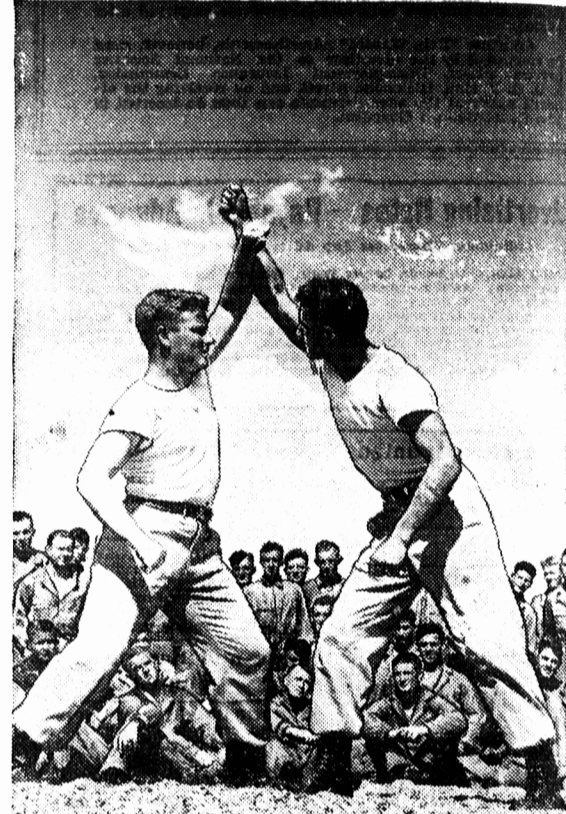


These close-ups of some typical members of the group of instructors who recently completed their course at the big U.S. Army school at Fort Benning, Georgia, give

a good illustration of the rugged kind of fighting men who have been selected to form the nucleus of the first Canadian paratroop unit. This group will serve as

instructors at the paratroop training school being set up at Camp Shilo in Manitoba. From left to right they are: Lt. T. A. R. Brier, St. Johns, P.Q.; Cpl. N. R. Chapman,

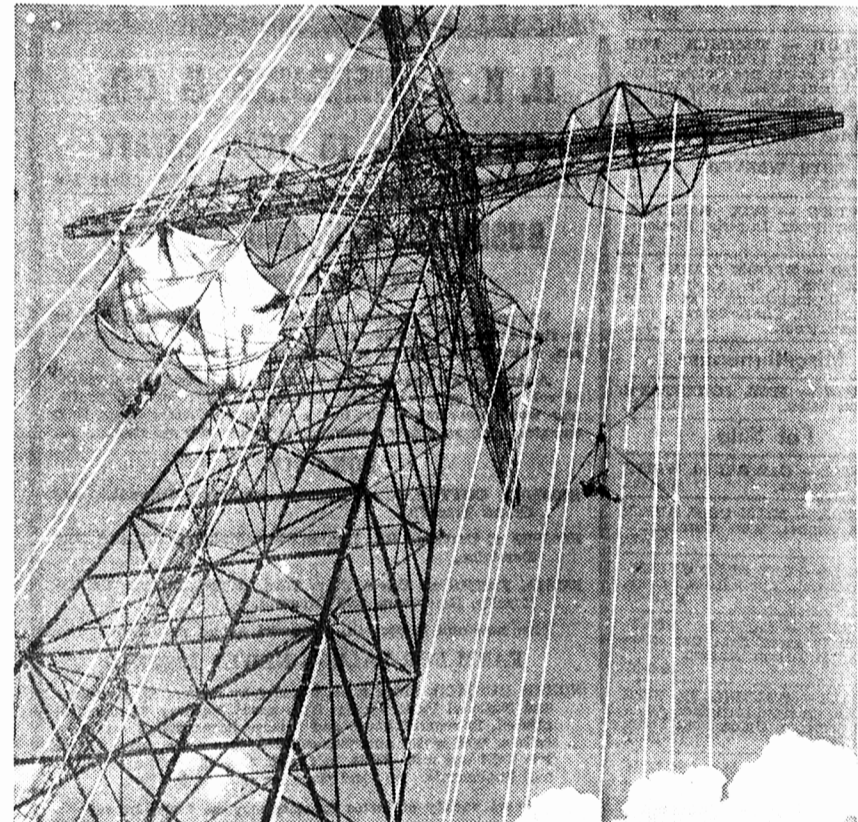
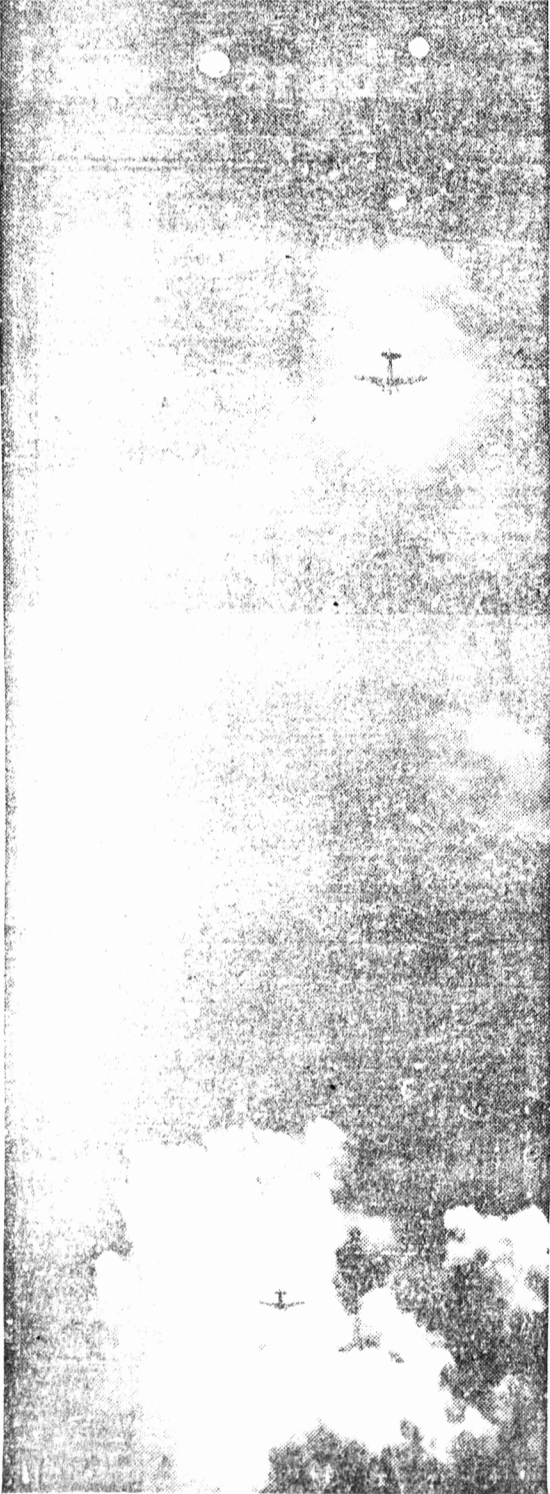
Vancouver, B.C.; Sgt. H. R. Bowlby, Yarmouth, N.S.; Sgt.-Major A. T. Clifton, Ottawa; Cpl. C. W. Shaddock, Ingersoll, Ont.; Capt. H. A. Fauquier, brother of R.C.A.F. ace.



Maybe the jump master is telling them the old one about sending their chutes back if they don't work or maybe he's got a new one. Anyway, he seems to be

pepping the boys up as they tensely await order to jump. Picture was made by Photographer Harry Rowed while in flight high above the Fort Benning School.

Training is tough. Class is shown watching jiu-jitsu demonstration. "If you have to break his arm, break it. We'll fix him in the hospital," advised one instructor.



Next stop terra firma. Captain H. A. Fauquier, Ottawa, brother of famed R.C.A.F. ace Johny Fauquier, steps out into space from the big transport plane as the jump master signals with pat on leg. Note special release cord fixed to plane.

Paratroopers took their initial training on this tower. Student at left will descend when his chute has been hauled to the top. Man dangling at right has dropped about 20 feet, toughening himself to the shock of an opening parachute.



Tumbling down from the blue expanse of the sky these Canadian paratroopers are the vanguard of many more to come. Their band numbers only the strong and brave.

Paratroops get plenty of training on the ground. Photo shows an American instructor teaching Lt. T. A. R. Brier (right) how to pack his parachute, a delicate operation.

Canadian paratroopers climb aboard a big transport at Fort Benning, Ga., on their way "upstairs" to try their first actual jump. Five are required before

wings are awarded. Most of the group had never been up in an airplane before making their jumps. Even veterans admit phase pictured here is a shaky one.

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