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# Fort Worth Bomber Plant Is Dedicated

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**'We're Digging Grave  
For Hitler,' Officer  
Says as Earth Broken**

FORT WORTH, April 18.—(AP)—  
Commenting "we're digging Hitler's  
grave here," Brig. Gen. G. C. Brant  
of San Antonio Friday spaded the  
first earth at groundbreaking cere-  
monies for a \$10,000,000 heavy  
bomber assembly plant.

Gen. Brant, commander of the  
Gulf Coast air training center at  
San Antonio, recalled that about  
18,000 pilots were trained in the  
United States during the World  
war.

"We trained flyers then but de-  
pended mainly on France and Eng-  
land to furnish them with combat  
planes, many of which did not  
materialize. We have learned our  
lesson and now we are building our  
own planes.

#### **Recommends Base**

"It is high time," he added, "that  
America learned to stand on its  
own feet."

Gen. Brant disclosed he had rec-  
ommended establishment of an air  
corps training base on an 850-acre  
site adjacent to the bomber plant.

Hundreds of persons stood  
through an hour of intermittent  
rain at the site on the south shore  
of Lake Worth. Publisher Amon  
G. Carter of Fort Worth was mas-  
ter of ceremonies.

#### **Permanency Certain**

Belief that permanent operation  
of the plant was certain after the  
defense emergency ends was ex-  
pressed by T. E. Braniff of Okla-  
homa City, president of Braniff Air-  
ways, Inc.

C. A. King, president of the Tulsa,  
Okla., Chamber of Commerce, in-  
vited Fort Worth citizens to attend  
a similar function to be held there  
on May 2, when work is started on  
a duplicate plant to be operated by  
the Douglas Aircraft company.

Col. George E. Lovell of Fort  
Sam Houston, representing the 8th  
corps area, said Fort Worth is well  
situated for a plant of this type.

"It is far enough away from the  
borders to be safe from attack,"  
he pointed out.

Capt. Alva B. Barnhard, com-  
mandant of the new naval air sta-  
tion at Corpus Christi, declared  
that "this is a great day not only  
for Fort Worth, but for the entire  
country."

Col. S. L. Scott of Dallas, division  
engineer of the corps of engineers,  
U. S. army, which will supervise  
construction of the plant, said that  
"nothing is more important than  
the early completion of this proj-  
ect."

Carter read a telegram from C.  
A. Van Dusen, vice president of  
Consolidated Aircraft corporation,  
which will operate the plant for the  
war department.