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In the English magazine "Flight" you can read the proud record in gliding achieved by the British with their youth in a short time. Using singleplace and two-place gliders, mostly the equipment of civilian glider clubs, civilian glider instructors (they used to be referred to as sportsmen) have already given practical flight training to over 2,000 cadets. Some 10,000 launchings were made without a single casualty, and in the elementary stage 21,910 have been given ground skids.

The British glider clubs were able to contribute to this task because they had their equipment and were permitted to use it with official support. Surely we can do as well. With the return of the Franklins, Brieglebs, Cinemas, Schweizers, Laister-Kauffmans to the glider clubs, a resumption of gliding will take place to the everlasting benefit of our country.

Our past gliding activities have already brought rich dividends to our nation. When the need arose for glider pilots for the Army we had a nucleus of well equipped civilian glider pilots to start the Army glider program. We believe that we can do more than provide the Army with glider pilots. We believe that we can give the youth of the nation a thorough schooling in flying skills.