

R.A.F. PREPARE BIG OFFENSIVE.

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The fighting service that carries the war into the heart of Germany looks well ahead. To man the bombers of victory year crews are being put through intensive training. This is the preparation behind success. On the ground gunners acquire the steady eye to back up the cool courage necessary when defending bombing-planes from fighter attack. They learn the A B C of their job by the simplest methods.

They're taught how to load all types of aircraft guns, how to prevent a jam, how to remedy one should it occur, how cartridges are strung on to long belts, helped by a cute gadget, to feed the guns that spit death at more than a thousand rounds a minute. Then comes the first practice shoot.

Room for improvement, and that will come.

Still on the ground the next step is practice in a turret. Here, as well as guns the man controls the turret itself, after mastering the mechanism. To get the knack of sighting a moving target a model is used. They take care the gunner has no ammunition.

At a later stage comes actual bombing practice. The R.A.F. plans to inflict on the enemy seven times the damage he's done to us. Berlin people will soon be spending most of their time under ground. The practice ground is the sea, where the only sufferers will be those fishes who're still hoping for an invasion. The targets are special smoke-bombs on the sea. The R.A.F.'s future marksmen acquire the skill of the veterans who go to Hamm and bring home the bacon.
