

**JOHNSON**  
**TAKE OFF OF B-29's for GERMANY AND ENGLAND**  
**Andrews Field**

Nine B'29s take off for flight to Germany and England. They will fly to England after a three day visit to Germany - they will be the guests of the Royal Air Force while in England.

ROLL #1 - Planes starting for the runway. Sound Camera crews get ready get in plane. Turning over motors. - B29's take off for the trip abroad. They did not fly in any formation after they got in the air, they left one by one. Various lens shots of the take offs.

ROLL #2 - Eyemo - Gen. Spaatz greets English officer-CU of Gen. Kenny Sir John Balfour (civilian clothes) and Gen. Spaatz - CU of Balfour.

~~EXTRA~~ Various shots of the crews.

ROLL #2 - Generals Kenny, Spaatz and Minister Balfour inspect the fliers and crew. Various shots. - Take offs of the B29's.

ROLL #3 - Takeoff of the B29's

General Carl Spaatz, Commanding General of the Army Air Forces, in company with two distinguished British guests, Sir John Balfour, Minister of the British Embassy, and Sir Guy Garrod, Senior Member of the United Nations Military Comm., will visit Andrews Field this afternoon for the ceremony of inspecting the crews of a squadron of B-29 Superfortresses, prior to their take off for Giebelstadt, Germany, on a routine training mission. The Squadron, after refueling in the Azores, will make a three-day stop in Germany, and then fly to England as guests of the Royal Air Force. They will make flights over Belfast, Ireland, Glasgow, Scotland, and London, England. They will return to Germany, and then fly to the United States, arriving about June 18.

The primary purpose of this long range training flight is to practice and improve techniques of overwater navigation and is part of the plan of training very heavy bomber crews in the occupied zones. The superfortresses comprise part of the Army Air Forces long-range striking force, the Strategic Air Command, headed by General Geo. C. Kenney. This particular squadron is from the Smoky Hill Army Air Field, Salina, Kansas, home of the famous 97th Bombardment Group, whose B-17's made the first daylight bombing attack from England in 1942. Squadron Leader on this flight will be Col. Charles L. Sommers, Chief of Staff for the 15th Air Force, who had extensive experience during the war in heavy-bomber operations in the Far East. Second in command of the squadron will be Lt. Col. Paul K. Blair, who is Chief of Staff for Operations and Training of the 97th Group.

**B-29's TAKE OFF FOR GERMANY AND ENGLAND (CONTINUED)**

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The U.S. Army Air Forces Strategic Air Command Headquarters, commanded by Gen. Geo. C. Kenney, is at Andrews Field, Maryland. Also based at Andrews is the Fourth Fighter P-50 jet fighter group. Gen. Kenney was Commanding Gen. of the Fifth Air Force and the Far Eastern Air Forces during the war.

**MISSION OF STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND**

The mission assigned to the Strategic Air Command by Gen. Carl A. Spaatz, Commanding Gen of the Army Air Forces is as follows:

The Strategic Air Command will be prepared:

1. To conduct long range operations in any part of the world, at any time, either independently or in cooperation with land and sea forces.
2. To conduct long-range reconnaissance over land or sea either independently or in cooperation with land and sea forces.
3. To provide combat units capable of intense and sustained combat operations in all parts of the world.
4. To perform sea search and anti-submarine operations on a global scale.
5. To train units and personnel for the maintenance of Strategic Air Command forces in all parts of the world.
6. To perform such special special missions as the Commanding Gen. of the Army Air Forces directs.

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COMPLETE DESCRIPTION OF SCENES.

The arrival in England of nine B29s, Superfortresses.

They circled the airfields prior to landing.

Air Marshal Tedder gave the crews an address of welcome after ~~they~~ the crews had lined up in front of the leading aircraft and the flags has been hoisted and the two National anthems had been played.

Seen with Tedder is Viscountess Downe, an old 'friend' of the R.A.F.

With Tedder after the ceremony is Maj/Gen. Clayton Bissel and Colonel Sommers, the leader of the Squadron.

*Charles*  
 After the show the public swarmed round the craft, and some went inside. Some of the crews had been in England during the war.

It is the 340th Squadron of the Strategical Air Command

Air to Air, was G-B Rota.

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