

THEY BOMBED BREST FROM THE STRATOSPHERE.

You probably read in your newspaper about the daylight attack on the German Battle cruisers at Brest and La Pallice. We're going to show you the men ^{who} carried out so successfully the first stratosphere raid ever made. The planes used for the Brest attack were American Flying Fortresses, now in ~~regular~~ service with the Royal Air Force. These are some of the pilots and crews who made air history; their objective was Brest because the Gneisinau was in dock there --- it's been a favourite target for our night bombers for some weeks. Only the very fittest of all the fit young men in the Royal Air Force can be chosen for stratosphere operations: brilliant doctors have studied the special reactions of the human body at these great heights; brilliant scientists and engineers have equally contributed their knowledge to the special problems of the machine.

In the upper air there is not enough pressure for breathing --- so the crews must have an independent oxygen supply. ~~And so the big crews go aboard their giant machines; their special training has given them confidence; the medical officer of their aerodrome has himself flown in the stratosphere to gain first-hand knowledge of the conditions which they were now going to experience on operations.~~

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They were going out now to drop armour-piercing bombs on the Gneisinau; from another station giant Halifaxes were setting out to bomb the Scharnhorst at La Pallice. All set --- and the ~~EMIX~~ sky's the limit; and you can judge the power of these machines by what happened to our cameraman

One after another this strong force takes off: and while they fly we give you the ~~actual~~ impressions of one of the pilots who flew in this amazing raid — *his own description / that the crew is all;*

That was the story of the raid, but now we move our time machine back to the return of the raiders; to welcome home the men who sent vengeance hurtling down on the German battle cruisers; ~~from a height at which the bombers could neither be heard nor seen.~~ We welcome them back and say well done.

This flight has added one more to Germany's growing problems in this war. They will never know when bombs may come raining down upon them out of an apparently clear sky. And it's no hit and miss bombing, either. The Gneisinau was hit seven times, and great damage was done to the docks. The Halifaxes hit the Scharnhorst; on the same day the R.A.F. were bombing Cherbourg and the night raiders were hammering Kiel and Emden. Once again --- well done, R.A.F.