

ROYAL NAVY CRUISERS DOCK IN U.S. 209

This is the first picture of a British warship undergoing repairs in an American dockyard during the present war.

H.M.S. Liverpool, a cruiser of 9,000 tons; she was damaged during the fighting off Crete and went in to this yard in California to put things right. This facility for repairing our warships in a non-belligerent port is one of the greatest advantages of America's policy of aid for Britain. Imagine how Hitler would jump at the chance of having the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau patched up in this peaceful spot.

Another ~~ship~~ ^{ship} undergoing repairs in the same yard was the Orion --- another cruiser of just over 7,000 tons.

Over to Massachusetts --- another Great American battleship launched in the presence of Colonel Knox --- America's outspoken Navy Secretary.

Thirty-five thousand tons --- seventy million dollars. A convincing argument with the name of Massachusetts, joins her sisters Washington and North Carolina.

More U.S. Navy activity --- torpedo trials. It's a great comfort to have the weight of the American Fleet cast into the scales against Hitler. We have been at war more than two years; and for most of that time the British Navy has done the work that was shared by five great Navies in the last war. We shall never be able to measure the debt we owe our Royal Navy --- but we can rejoice that now some of their great burden is being carried by the great Fleets of America.