

FIGHTING AIRACOBAS IN BRITAIN.

These are the first pictures of this American fighter flying with the R.A.F. in Britain; the Airacobra has for some time now been on operations with the Fighter Command, ~~and~~ pilots say that in some respects it is the best fighter plane in the world. Actual details of its performance are naturally secret; but the top speed of the Airacobra is ^{said to be in the realm of} ~~over~~ 400 miles an hour: it is fitted with a cannon firing through the propeller hub, and machine guns in the wings. Climbing from the take off, the ^{tricycle} ~~under carriage~~ ~~tanks~~ tucks up like a lobster folding its claws; and in the air in formation these representatives of American factories look a deadly lot.

Our cameraman flies alongside in a special plane; noting the magnificent formation kept by the Royal Air Force pilots at the controls. In appearance they are not unlike the Spitfire --- and if their record in action proves to be as good, the Luftwaffe has a lot more trouble ahead.

Speed, manoeuvrability and fire power are proved O.K. They return to a perfect landing; new recruits that have a great tradition to maintain in Fighter Command; and they look as though they can do it.