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TRAINING WITH THE FLEET AIR ARM.

These latest pictures from Malta show some of the work of the Fleet Air Arm which has done such noble ~~work~~ ^{duty} since the start of the war. Albacores being serviced and loaded up with torpedoes for attacks on enemy shipping; for Malta now is a base for attack --- no longer a beleaguered fortress.

These pictures come to us just after the big debate in the House of Lords and the recent speech by the First Lord of the Admiralty. Many speakers have pressed for better equipment for the aerial arm of the Royal Navy --- and all will applaud that demand. The importance of the Fleet Air Arm cannot possibly be exaggerated. The finest sea-borne warplanes for attack and defence can turn the scale in modern naval action. ~~With adequate air protection the Repulse and the Prince of Wales would still be afloat; better and faster torpedo planes might have sent the Scharnhorst and the Gneisenau to the bottom of the Channel.~~ We look forward to the day when the Fleet Air Arm are able to employ new planes worthy even of the matchless gallantry and skill of the pilots and crews.