FLYING FORTRESS IN ACTION --- U.S.ARMY AIR FORCE CAYLIGHT ASSAULTS ON GERMANY AND FRANCE.

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The promise made when America entered the war in 1941 is now a solid fact; for some time **()** giant bombers of the U.S.Army 8th Air Force have been hammering in daylight the targets which the R.A.F. attack mainly by night. Perhaps this picture will serve to indicate in some small degree the tremendous punishment that is being handed out to Germany from the air --- and will be handed out in increasing measure.

We have been given exceptional facilities to show you a series of raids carried out by the famous Flying Fortresses, manned by our ies from across the Atlantic.

Already the memory of 1940 is growing - little dim, but if you cast your mind back to those days when Britein stood alone under the Carman enslaught --- think how greatly improved our position is to-day when we and all the might of America and Russia are beginning to administor to the Manip the militime medicing they to medicate for so long.

These great Fortresses fly at tremendous height --- the cold is so intense that the cameras used over the target area have to be . c losed in electrically@heated jackets.

The ball-turret gunner climbs into his cramped action station --one of the key men of the great defensive fire power carried by the Fortresses

Guns are checked and crews are ready --- and the eagle spreads its wings.

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In the early part of March these Fortresses attacked the famous railway marshalling yards at Hamm in Germany and Rennes in France: these pictures were taken by newsreel cameraman Jim Wright; flying at a height well above twenty thousand feet in a temperature of 42 degrees below zero, camerawork is obviously exceedingly difficult, even if the bombers had not been attacked by enemy fighters and flak, as they were There's a bomb bursting in the bower left were of the screen

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The next raid was covered by newsreel cameraman Jack Ramsden ---the target was the railway marshalling yard at Rouen: these communications are as vital to Hitler as sea routes are to us; once in, the American bombers flew at great height: the ground appears hazy, but features can be picked out quite clearly. This raid caused big explosions followed by fires, and an oil dump was hit. One to be and of features did not return from this raid; fighter opposition pursued the force over the French coastline: one for the form of the f

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And so they come back to base; our great ally who is hitting Germany where it does most good. The mounting offensive in the air is not achieved without cost; but each raid is playing its part in weakening German fighting power and paving the way for the armies of the United Nations. Yes, it's a far cry back to the days when Britain stood alone; the damage sustained on these flights is a token of the devastation brought to the Nazis by our Ally's bombs, and the famous bomb-sight, so carefully guarded, ensures that the bombs are falling bang on the target.

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