

--- ESCORTED BY THUNDERBOLTS --- A DAY'S WORK FOR FIGHTERS OF AMERICA'S AIR FORCE.

Crews on a Fighter Station of the U.S. Army Air Force in Britain are scheduled to escort Flying Fortresses on a bombing sortie over Europe. We go with them into the briefing room ~~to get their final instructions before the take off; this is just a sample of the kind of thing that happens almost every day, but taken, this time, from the escort's point of view.~~

During the briefing, the ground staff <sup>have been</sup> working on the Thunderbolts; loading up machine-gun ammunition -- filling the extra petrol tanks for long range and so they take off, heading east, to rendez-vous at the appointed time and place with the heavy bombers. This is part of the meaning in our Prime Minister's words when he said that the Second Front was already in being.

Here are the heavies; the giant Flying Fortresses that drop their tons of fire and explosive on pin-point targets.

Now an attack by Nazi fighters is about to develop; the camera shooting alongside the fighters' guns tells the story of sky battle, despite the fumes and percussion which obscure the vision of the lens.

They've done their job, and turned back for home; many enemy fighters, as you saw, have been shot down. <sup>Coming in, they were permitted to land</sup> And on landing the ground crew <sup>man</sup> takes a personal interest in the victory of his own pilot.

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Yes --- the camera showed it, as you have already seen. There is evidence in that camera that is undeniable; this is a second front that is wasting the enemy's resources and <sup>tying</sup> ~~trying~~ many of his finest fighters and ack-ack batteries to Western Europe.