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RODNEY SHELLS ALDERNEY.

H.M.S. Rodney, gallant veteran of many campaigns, goes out to bombard the German-held Channel Island of Alderney. Our convoys crossing to Cherbourg might be menaced by enemy guns on the Island, so Rodney's job is to silent these guns. These pictures taken by Pathe Gazette cameraman Jock Gemmill aboard an escorting destroyer, show the men taking up action stations. The gun-crews are looking forward to having another smack at Jerry, as, with throbbing engines, the huge battleship churns her way forward.

Fewn into the bows well below the water-line, we go, to show you how the great guns are loaded. The German batteries on Alderney are due to receive 75 rounds of these giant one-ton shells, by which time they won't have much nuisance-value left. Three days before the present action, the Rodney set out for her Target, but she was turned back because visibility was so good that the German anti-aircraft guns on the island might have caused trouble to the R. A.F. Spetter Planes. Now she is returning to the attack, carrying a load of destruction. In a second or two you will have a chance of seeing the actual loading of the guns take place. The breech is opened, the cage ascends, and in goes the shell.

The gun-crews are ready, the target has come within range, and the signal is given to fire.

The land just ahead is the Cherbourg Peninsular; Rodney's 16-inch guns are firing right over it to the German-held Island about 17 miles away.

The first shot landed 300 yards from the target; After that the shells dropped just where they were needed, There won't be much more trouble from the German guns on Alderney.