

KING SPENDS NIGHT WITH BOMBER SQDNS

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His Majesty went behind the scenes at an R.A.F. station in the Bomber Command, talking with the officers and men who maintain a relentless nightly attack on the enemy. In the briefing room King George heard the crews detailed to the jobs on schedule that night. First-rate planning and staff work play a big part in the sustained triumphs of the Bomber Command. Up-to-date maps minutely detail the objective and the route. Plus knowledge of weather conditions and anti-aircraft strength, they're half the battle, even before the take-off.

In the small hours returning crews reported successful raids on Cologne. On the map the airmen showed where they'd dropped the bombs. His Majesty heard at first hand the experiences that go to make up the official communique.

Then more men were assigned to objectives nearer home. Nearly all crews shown in this picture have been recruited since the war began. The impression has got about that the R.A.F. is full up. It is not. It invites thousands more to swell the ranks. King George wished good luck to more crews, setting out to give Germany another kick in the pants.
