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Lockheed's 25-thousand aircraft workers took an hour off to welcome Lord and Lady Halifax, who came to wish godspeed to the 1000th Hudson bomber despatched by this factory to Britain. It'll be a welcome revelation to many people that the hosts of skilled U.S. workers are sending such swarms of planes which as Lord Halifax told them is an assurance of victory.

A thousand from one factory alone, and as Harry Hopkins says that's only a beginning.

At a Bomber Command station over here Mr. Churchill saw some of the giant aircraft designed for a regular service to Germany. Air Minister Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. Hopkins and Colonel Moore-Brabazon and daughter Mary Churchill were in the party.

Chief of Air Staff Sir Charles Portal conducted the visitors on a sightseeing tour of Flying Fortresses and other monsters, now turning the air scale in our favour. This is one of our own Stirlings - bigger even than the Fortress.

(AFTER CU V) For the raid on Brest, the first in which the great Boeings took part, thorough preparation did everything possible to guarantee success. It was a daylight attack, with the suicide element removed by the enormous altitude at which the Fortress can fly. In some degree an experiment the raid was paving the way for unremitting daylight attacks on Germany, where every good objective is within range of the four-engine bomber.

The first target honoured for selection was the Gencisensau, still lying at Brest. That long-suffering battleship was hit at least seven times. Bombs released in the stratosphere were dropping at 700 miles an hour as they exploded.

Only by breathing oxygen can men fly above 20-thousand feet, and only 20 per cent of even fit men pass the breathing tests for stratosphere flying.

(GV 3 AFTER CU PROP.) Punctually to the scheduled second the air giants reared along the runway, and became airborne.

(Three Scenes Without Voice)

The new flood of giant aircraft, our brilliant airmen, the valour of Soviet Russia and the likelihood of British military operations before long, bring out of the dim future into the bright foreground the prospect of complete victory.

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