

BEAUFIGHTERS MAKE FIRST BOW TO PUBLIC.

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Out on a test flight the Bristol Beaufighters were introduced to newsreels and the Press. Twin-engined, with a range of 15-hundred miles, the new planes fill the demand for a fighter that can stay in the air considerably longer than Spitfires and Hurricanes.

At a big assembly plant the cameras had close views of these welcome recruits to our fighter-fleet. The Beaufighter carries an observer as well as pilot. One of its striking features is that its fuselage mounts four 20-millimetre cannon, while six Brownings fire from the wings. That's ten formidable guns for sky battle against the foe. Top speed of the all-metal fighter is 330 miles an hour.

(CU Girls) Girls are 30% of the factory personnel - a good many of them with their own menfolk in the RAF. All are reported to be keen on the work and on top of the job.... The two engines each develop 14-hundred horse-power. Beaufighters incidentally are one of the answers to night-bombing. Let's have plenty more of them.

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