

ROYAL VISIT TO TWO AIR FORCES.

Somewhere under the soil of Britain, off a country lane, is the brain and nerve-centre of R.A.F. Bomber Command. The King and Queen were received by Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris, Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Bomber Command; better known as Bomber Harris. The man the Nazis hate and fear more than anyone else in the world, with the exception of Mr. Churchill. ~~That in itself is a good enough recommendation for a permanent place in history. With the Bomber Command Chief was Air Vice-Marshal Sir Robert Saunders, Deputy Chief to Sir Arthur Harris.~~

These pictures have a strange quality of fascination; it is in these unpretentious surroundings that plans for knocking Berlin out of the war are devised; it is here that the staff work of air bombardment is done; genius and imagination, ~~harnessed~~ harnessed to cold, utilitarian facts and figures; this seed produces the blood-red flower of futuristic battle before which the world stands dazed and awestruck.

Their Majesties have also visited a Base of the American Eighth Army Air Force; to be received by General Doolittle who led the first air raid on Tokyo. Other Commanding officers of the U.S. Air Arm in Britain were also presented. This is the complement of the Royal Air Force; the heavies which take up by day where the R.A.F. left off at dawn; joining with them --- and with our other allies --- in the non-stop pounding of the Germans in Europe. The King and Queen looked over a Flying Fortress; ~~and with the crew;~~ symbolising the unity of purpose in the world's two mightiest powers above earth.

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