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COASTAL COMMAND STRIKES AT GERMAN CONVOY.

Headline newsreel story goes to Coastal Command's Beaufighter Anti-shipping squadrons. Outstanding service has been rendered recently against enemy convoys in the North sea. With cannon, torpedoes and Rocket projectiles they have inflicted heavy casualties on German shipping. This action took place off the Frisian Islands.... a whirlwind of flying rockets, bullets and shells.

One of the Beaufighters is set on fire, but not before it has carried out its attack. Two minutes is an average time for such actions - - -sudden, violent, short. In that space of time and closing words of a communique are framed - - "One of our aircraft is missing".

Immediately a convoy is sighted the flakbusters go in with cannon fire to concentrate on the enemy gunners. Then the rocket-firing aircraft sail in followed by the torpedo carriers with the most dangerous job of all.

It's seldom enough that we can salute this branch of the R.A.F. but these pictures of this - - - what they would call - - - a routine job in the North Sea, gives us our cue to say "Well done Coastal Command".