

JEAN BART SHOWS HER SPEED

France's biggest battleship - the forty nine thousand ton "Jean Bart" - leaves Brest Harbour on her first speed trials since completion as a fighting ship. After spending the war as a floating depot in North Africa, "Jean Bart" was sailed back to France to be equipped with modern armaments. Now she's showing what she can do.

Rough seas make the going heavy - but the battleship reveals a good turn of speed - average 31 knots.

Sister ship to the ill-starred "Richelieu," "Jean Bart" is the battleship that's never fired a salvo in anger. May she never be obliged to show her teeth.