

FOEDSO

42/20

R.A.F. BOMB PARIS WORKS.

The other night the R.A.F. made a flying visit to Paris - but they didn't travel light. For many hours before hand bomb trains carried heavy loads of high explosives to the waiting bombers. These are some of the actual machines that went over to Billancourt on the banks of the Seine, and rained bombs on the German controlled Renault works. All crews were given implicit instructions to pin-point their target carefully. Subsequent reconnaissance has proved how skilfully they bombed out the heart of this section of a Nazi operated war Industry, whilst avoiding non-military objectives. Those who took part say it was one of the most successful bombing jobs ever done by the R.A.F. For something like two hours, the night sky over the mile-long target was thick with the planes of Bomber Command. Our aircraft, including these massive 30 ton Stirlings have robbed Hitler of an enormous French production plant which he worked to the full for his own ends. With an eight ton load of bombs in each, the heaviest bombers in service in the world today set out on their mission. How complete was the devastation is revealed by these pictures taken the following day by a lone R.A.F. reconnaissance plane. They show the ruins of factory buildings which once fed the German war machine with tanks, aero-engines and lorries.

When the R.A.F. goes into action it hits the mark.