

HALIFAX BOMBERS IN THE MAKING.

Among the heavy type bombers carrying the R.A.F. attack into the heart of Germany is the Halifax, a four-engined giant of Bomber Command now being turned out in considerable numbers, for the Ministry of Aircraft Production. Strong defensive armament is provided by three Boulton-Paul gun turrets; one in the nose, one amid-ship and the other astern which is known as the glass-house for "Tail-end Charley" the rear gunner.

Behind her bomb doors, the Halifax can store away a maximum bomb load of five and a half tons, which gives this monster a fully loaded weight of 27 tons. The machine has an exceptional take off, despite its great size and weight. When the throttles open up her four Rolls Royce Merlin engines, the Halifax is rapidly airborne even under heavy overload conditions. Her maximum range is approximately three thousand miles. Half that distance is still as long way into Mr. Hitler's Country.

Halifax bombers have long given heavy knocks, and will go on dishing them out as we give Germany bombing raids on a bigger scale than she has ever handed out to us.