

ROYAL VISIT TO BATH.

The King and Queen have come to see how Bath now takes its place in Hitler's plan of war. Once again the distorted German mind conjures up hopes of breaking British morale. But the same indomitable spirit that prevailed during the days of the Battle of Britain is seen in our bombed cities today. From Buckingham Palace mobile canteens were sent by Their Majesties to bring help and comfort to the homeless and civil defence workers. Destruction and death are no new things to us; but where once we suffered them and looked to the time when we would give back as much as we took, today the hour of retribution is with us. Night after night, day after day, we're making the Nazis squirm with our colossal air attacks. Where once we sent tens of planes, now its hundreds. And to avenge the huge losses to their war machine which we cause, the Germans turn the pages of a travellers reference book and pick out our beauty spots and historic landmarks for destruction.

Bath is famous for both. But her fame today is to be found in such people as her special constables who suffered severely; in her Fire Fighters and Wardens, her rescue parties and Nurses. The people of Bath are famous, and Their Majesties recognise this by going among them with words of sympathy and praise. No threat of "historic reprisals" will cause diversion from our policy of heavy and still heavier bombing of Germany. While they may concentrate their bombers on targets suggested by Mr. Baedeker, the R.A.F. will continue to open up the second front in the skies over Germany.