

BRITAIN'S NIGHT.

NAVAL EXERCISES.

Picture.:-

The King goes to sea with his Fleet. At the--
--head of Britain's imposing ships of war steams 'Victoria
and Albert', carrying--
--the Fleet's Lord High Admiral His Majesty the King. (EFFECTS
(EFFECTS - 2 SHOTS)).

'Valiant', 'Hood', 'Renown'. Great names for great
ships. (PAUSE).

'Redney', 'Barham'. Each discharge--
--from the guns of these vessels costs about £18,000. (EFFECTS)

A line of destroyers. Pictures being taken from--
--His Majesty's ship 'Cairo'. (EFFECTS).

(EFFECTS - 4 SHOTS).

The signal is given for firing to commence.

(EFFECTS-7 SHOTS).

The loading of a naval gun. A picture which shows this process in its entirety. This is the first time this particular mechanism has been revealed to the public. One imagines it a simple matter to heave a shell into a gun breach, close it, and pull a string to fire it. These pictures should dispel that idea and give a convincing demonstration of the complexity of the operation. At one time men were the prime factors in naval warfare, or any warfare. Now man is but a skilled watcher of great machines. Scientific engines of destruction with others in powerful range to destroy him.

(EFFECTS - 3 SHOTS).

Co-operation between sea and air is close and efficient. Reconnaissance by 'plane is a valuable modern--

--assistance to fighters. The 'Queen Bee' shows how--

--the Fleet might repel such dangerous prying by an enemy. Aircraft gun accuracy has been developed to a high standard. Harrassed bombing 'planes would find it difficult to register hits before being brought down - - like the 'Queen Bee'.

(EFFECTS - 4 SHOTS).

The terrifying ear-splitting din is over. Cheers for the King seem like music, as--

--His Majesty steams away flying his last command in--

--fluttering bunting 'Splice the Main Brace'. For every man an--

--extra run ration, in which to drink the King's Health. As might be expected the--

--command is expeditiously and willingly carried out. One man nearly got away with a tot too many. But not quite! Better luck next time,--

--Jack! And here's a health unto His Majesty. Of course,--

--this is a free country. Some sailors drink--

--lime juice, and quite a number don't.