

R.A.F. SINK TIRPITZ.

Air Chief Marshal Harris earns the congratulations of the whole free world for the latest magnificent achievement of Bomber Command in sinking the Tirpitz.. Twenty nine Lancasters, led by Wing Commander Tait, have put the great German battleship on the bottom of a Norwegian Fjord beyond all possibility of recovery during the present war.

With all the pre-war pomp of Nazi Germany Tirpitz was launched in ~~1942~~¹⁹³⁹. Hitler was almost on the crest of the wave of success, the sister ship Bismarck was nearly complete, and now the second 45 thousand ton battleship was to be sent down the slipways. She was christened by the daughter of the old Admiral Tirpitz.

(3 out)(GV) The new battleship, carrying eight fifteen inch guns and many smaller ones, capable of at least 30 knots, was intended to be an unsinkable commerce raider in the Atlantic. Little could Hitler and his entourage have foreseen that Tirpitz would be sent to the bottom without ever taking part in any action worth the name. By sea, land and air the Swastika has been humbled.

This was the scene over the clouds above the North coast of Norway when the Lancasters were on their way to Tromsø Fjord. Smoke screens were put up, from the ground the moment the Germans new of the attack. Each Lancaster carried one 12,000 pound earthquake bomb. One is clearly seen going down in this picture. Heavy flak came up from the Tirpitz and shore batteries.

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skill and valour of men of Bomber Command was the German
battleship put out of the war.