

SEA AND AIR ACTIVITIES IN THE CHANNEL.

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One of the largest air-sea-land combined exercises yet undertaken was recently carried out in the area of the English Channel. A great Armada of approximately 300 ships of all kinds and sizes sailed to ~~win~~ within 10 miles of the occupied coast of France.

Naturally in an operation of this size, a big share fell to the lot of the Allied Air Forces --- from dawn until dusk squadron after squadron of medium and light bombers flew across the Channel to smash at the enemy airfields and coastal defences. With the approach of zero hour, the pilot takes his place in the cockpit.

^{Jim Wright}
Newsreel cameraman is an important passenger in this hazardous journey to the other side.

Down below those invasion barges look like specks --- as the peak of the offensive was approaching in the air --- no less than 3000 sorties were flown in 24 hours. Devastating daylight raids were made by American Marauders, escorted by Spitfires, including an attack on an important target ~~in Northern France.~~ in Northern France.

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