

TIRPITZ BLITZED --- NAVY AIRCRAFT HIT GERMANY'S GREATEST BATTLESHIP.

Aircraft carriers going north for one of the biggest Fleet Air Arm jobs of the war; attack on the German Battleship Tirpitz in Alten Fjord, Norway. The planes detailed for the assault were the new ~~Barracudas~~, ~~Barracudas~~, with an escort of Seafire, Corsair, Hellcat and Wildcat fighters. The pilots are getting ready for the great sortie.

At dawn the first of the planes took off and flew to Alten Fjord in formation. Information had come to our Naval Intelligence that the Tirpitz was about to leave her anchorage above the snow-caps of those mountaineous fjords, the time was just right.

The first strike caught the Tirpitz in a dizzy dive-bomb attack when she was just about to move.

The picture stops - to let you see the pride of Hitler's Navy well and truly hit and covered in smoke.

In again - and again we stop the picture. Hits were obtained by the bridge, amidships and forward; the second strike hit her fore and aft. Tirpitz was on fire.

Now the Barracuda with the landing flaps down, come back to the parent ship.

That attack is estimated to have put the Tirpitz out of action for many months to come; following the sinking of the Scharnhorst, it is a mortal blow at the German surface fleet. Always the pilots and aircrews of the Fleet Air Arm have maintained the finest traditions of the Royal Navy; they performed a brilliant feat of arms. Well done, indeed!

3.45 PM Sir V. G. Charter
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