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ON THE CHINA - QUENTIN REYNOLDS

Pathe Gazette welcomes back to Britain its special correspondent, Quentin Reynolds.

"A year and a half ago, I saw the Nazis concentrating their might on London. From the clouds, all hell was let loose. I saw the magnificent work of your grand firemen and A.R.P. people, all honour to them. As the flames roared, Londoners set their teeth and took it on the chin. But it wasn't a knock out. It gave birth to a grim determination that the German should pay dearly for such destruction. Then, at last, came that spring morning when the people of London and the other blitzed cities of Britain heard that the Royal Air Force had sent more than a thousand planes over Cologne and the Ruhr. The crew having instruction to 'Let 'em have it, right on the chin'. And so it was that R.A.F. bombers dropped big beautiful bombs bang in the centre of the Nazi war effort. An upper-cut right on the chin, creating havoc and fear in the hearts of the foolish people who put Hitler in power, and keep him there. Almost on the heels of the Cologne raiders another huge four figured R.A.F. force attacked the Essen region, a further blow on the chin for the enemy. More blasting of Hitler's hopes. Many Nazi dupes now know that Goering's promise that no British plane would ever be allowed to fly over Germany, was just futile boasting. My country will help to knock sense into these misguided people. The United States Air Force Chief

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has said "American airmen hope soon to fly right beside the R.A.F. in these decisive blows against our common enemy". By way of reprisal for history's biggest air raid on Germany's war industry centre at Cologne, the Nazis selected Canterbury. Imagine that. Look at these pre-war pictures of Canterbury. A quiet little English town with less than 25,000 inhabitants. Bombed as reprisal for an attack on a mighty German city of first importance to the Nazi war machine. That's the Nazi mentality. Canterbury for Cologne - it's fantastic. As I walked through the streets of Canterbury I realised that destruction such as this could have no part in furthering Germany's war effort, it can only further the British effort. For it emphasises that only the complete destruction of Hitler and his gang will end the madness they have brought upon the world, and that we, your country and mine, have adopted as our battle cry "Let 'em have it, right on the chin".