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*Crews of Flying Fortresses
Admired by English Folk*

TO THE EDITOR OF THE NEW YORK TIMES:

I would like to put on record an appreciation of those gallant knights of the air of yours who are daily making the journey to Germany in your Flying Fortresses.

Prior to the outbreak of hostilities I was "odd man" at an airdrome where our volunteers, during the evenings and weekends, trained as future pilots. I watched these boys—they were only boys—from the time they had their initial flight for air experience to the day they made their first solo effort and later gained their wings.

The majority of those lads are now sleeping peacefully, having fulfilled their mission in the Battle of Britain. Their sacrifice was not in vain and I am sure they silently thank your boys for taking over.

We in England see your Flying Fortresses taking off in broad daylight to carry the fight to Germany. We salute those crews. They certainly have guts. Believe me, every Englishman is saying that today.

We salute the mothers of America who bred such gallant sons and are prepared to give their all in the fight for freedom.

GEORGE HALLER.

Redgate, England, Aug. 19, 1943.