



**THE BOYS WHO LAID THE CARPET OVERNIGHT.**—Group Capt. R. G. Forbes and his Lancaster crew board their plane for the softening-up bomber attack which preceded the land assault east of Wesel.

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*General Dempsey sent a message to "Bomber" Harris congratulating R.A.F. crews who bombed Wesel just before the Commandos made their crossing of the Rhine. The attack was "wonderfully accurate," General Dempsey said.*