

KRUPP WORKS HIT BY R. A. F. BOMBS FOR SECOND TIME

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GUNS OVER DOVER

London, March 10.—(BUP)—Giant British planes heavily attacked Essen, seat of the giant Krupp war industries, for the second straight night, during the night and started fires which spread hungrily to great size, an air ministry communique said to-day.

Targets elsewhere in the Ruhr, heart of German war industry, also were attacked, the ministry said, in a steadily developing new aerial offensive on German and German-occupied territory.

Three Planes Missing

Three bombing planes are missing, the ministry said.

It said that in daylight raids on occupied France yesterday British fighter planes shot down five German fighters and bombers, shot down one, against the loss of three British fighters.

British planes heavily bombed the French invasion coast during the night and British guns blazed along the Dover strait, apparently at enemy ships in French waters.

A German broadcast heard here said British planes dropped incendiary and explosive bombs on several towns. It was said that visibility was bad. Though details were not yet available, the broadcast said, it was known that hits were scored on "residential areas" and "several civilians" had been killed or wounded.

The entire southeast coast shook with the blast of explosions along the French invasion coast during the evening. British United Press watchers said British planes made a continuous attack for hours, starting before dark.

So savage was the attack, the watchers said, that they were reminded of the "old days" of last summer and fall. The ground-shaking force of the explosions, they said, confirmed the belief of military observers that some of the heaviest bombs of the Royal Air Force were dropped.

German guns sent up tremendous quantities of shells, the watchers reported, in their attempt to drive off the raiders, and the sky seemed pitted with flashes of shells including tracer shells and flaming onions.

It was about midnight when the coastal guns went into action.

For an hour, firing in four-gun salvos, they kept up a bombardment across the misty strait. The long range guns which fire into France apparently were not in action, watchers said, and the flashes of explosions of shorter range guns indicated that they were firing at shipping in the strait.

Later, flares were seen dropping over the strait.

After a period of silence the deep rumble of more explosions was heard shortly after 9 a.m. (4 a.m. E.W.T.), and it was indicated that British planes were in action again.

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