

Canadian Flyers to Fore As Tremendous Air Force Pours Ruin on Nazi City

Flaming German Port Perfect Beacon for Massive Raiding Party—R.C.A.F. Loses Two Bombers, R.A.F. 28—Daylight Raids Continue

London, July 30.—(CP)—Battered Hamburg, still quaking and burning from a series of record day and night bombings, was hit again last night by the R.A.F. and R.C.A.F., it was announced to-day. It was the seventh Allied assault on the great north Germany city since Saturday night. It was learned that a great many Canadian bombers participated in this attack, as they have in every Hamburg raid since the round-the-clock bombings began last week-end.

In Great Strength

The Air Ministry said the attack was made "in very great strength" and that the delivery of explosives was accomplished despite increased ground defences and numerous German fighters.

Twenty-eight bombers were reported missing. A half dozen enemy planes were destroyed on this and other raids, the Air Ministry said.

An R.C.A.F. communique said that squadrons of the Canadian bomber group participated in the Hamburg raid and that two of the 28 missing bombers were Canadian. R.C.A.F. intruders also bombed airfields and rail targets in France.

The massive attack stirred speculation that Hamburg is being made the subject of an Allied experiment to determine whether a city that large can be paralyzed completely from the air.

May Determine Future

Results achieved in the persistent day and night bombing of Germany's second largest city and submarine nest were viewed as likely to determine the pattern of the air war for the next few months.

In this connection it was noted that lengthening nights will bring

Eerlin itself within the range of heavy day and night bombings by October or November.

Hamburg with her 1,000,000 inhabitants has been scarred by five British and Canadian night and two American daylight raids since Saturday, and flames and smoke from the stricken city have served as beacons for each successive raid.

More Daylight Raids

American medium bombers swept out at daybreak to-day to continue the round-the-clock aerial attacks on Germany and occupied territory in the war's greatest air offensive by blasting at the German aerodrome at Woensdrecht in Holland this morning.

Swift British Mosquito planes hit at other targets in Germany during the night while R.A.F. fighters strafed airfields and railways at Merville, Coulommiers, Mantes and forces in France, and Schleswigjagel in Germany.

Nazis Strike Back

German aircraft struck back at Britain's coastal regions during the night, but the air and some security ministries said little damage and no casualties resulted. One of the raiders was destroyed.

The night thrusts followed heavy daylight attacks on the submarine slips at Kiel and the Heinkel plane factory at Warnemuende by strong forces of Americans which shot down more than 30 Nazi fighters attempting to intercept them.

Supporting the American attacks, a Canadian Spitfire fighter squadron destroyed three enemy fighters during operations over Holland.

Boston and Typhoon bombers swung into the assault yesterday in daylight raids also, attacking a power station near Rouen and an air field at Mervinne, France, while United States medium bombers struck at Fortruge near St. Omer.

Indicating the power and scope of the week's raids, the air ministry said yesterday that 7,000 tons of bombs had been dropped on Hamburg, Essen and other German targets during the week ending July 28, at a loss of three per cent. of the raiding forces.

Rescue 101 Airmen

In the same period, it said, there was not a single casualty on the whole British Isles from enemy attacks and damage had been negligible.

The air ministry announced last night that at least 101 British and American airmen, missing in previous raids on German and occupied territory, had been picked up from the North sea and landed in England during the 50 hours ending the evening of July 27.

The report said that more than 200 British aircraft as well as American planes had searched for the lost crews, and that most of those rescued had been found more than 100 miles from England.

Heligoland was raided by Allied planes by daylight Thursday, as well as Kiel and other places on the North German coast, the communique said. It claimed that Nazi guns shot down 54 Allied planes.