

~~Over the Straits of Dover~~
 Over the Straits of Dover, deep into ~~the invasion country~~ ^{north}
 of the ~~Pas de Calais~~, RAF bombers in the last few days
 have made a record number of attacks. Bostons and
 Mitchells are prominent among the medium bombers roaring
 in an almost continuous stream over enemy-occupied land.
 Nazi airfields, troops headquarters and concentrations
 of military materials are among the targets.

+ Fighter escort helps to keep losses remarkably low.
~~British and American air chiefs jointly plan the great
 softening up campaign.~~

Air Chief Marshal Leigh Mallory, head of the Allied
 Air Expeditionary Force, met fellow air chiefs in
 conference. Major-Gen. Butler, his deputy, spoke for
 the Americans.... Air Marshal Conyngham ~~in~~ commands
 the 2nd Tactical Air Force. The British and U.S.
 Air ~~arms~~ ^{arms} are welded into one striking force, whose
 hitting power far exceeds that of the Luftwaffe in its
 palmiest days.

Now for the RAF raid on Schweinfurt. ~~Two blows were~~
~~struck that night, with an interval of about two~~
~~hours. More than a thousand bombers took part.~~
 When the pathfinders reached the target some fires were ~~shown~~
 still burning, after the American day raid a few hours
 earlier. This picture is remarkable in showing how
 rapidly the whole town becomes a close network of flames.

(12 sec) --
 Schweinfurt makes fifty percent of German ball-bearings.
 It's the nearest thing there is to a complete bottle-
 neck in Nazi war production. Everything in mechanised
 war needs ball-bearings. ~~Without them, airplanes cannot~~
~~be made.~~ The German ~~air~~ ^{war} machine is being relentlessly
 smashed under the increasing weight of Allied blows.