

FORTS BLITZ BERLIN AGAIN

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fleets have now reached the colossal dimensions predicted two years ago. Target for today was the ball-bearing plant at Erkner, Berlin suburb 16 miles from the city centre. Every mile of the well-plotted route, once over the Channel, the raiders fought their way against German fighters and flak.

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Down goes a Nazi. Eighty three fell to the U.S. fighters, ~~many~~ several more to the bombers.

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(Knobs) Across the southern outskirts of Berlin the bombers pressed on towards Erkner. Ten thousand H.E., 350,000 incendiaries, plastered the target.

(36 2nd bombs) The plant at Erkner produced half the ball-bearing requirements of the Luftwaffe.

The attack was a complete success, but the bombers still had to fight their way home. Still the fighters came on.

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Another Nazi down.

(next scene) At last the formations left the enemy coast behind. Only thirty eight of the ~~eleven hundred~~ ^{thousand} bombers failed to return.

Ground ~~men~~ crews counted their men in. They noted one Fort with a damaged under-carriage and sent flares up to warn the pilot. He made a wonderful landing on one wheel.

Ambulance and fire-wagons were not wanted. ~~so ended~~

~~the~~ ~~id.~~ Next day the Americans hit Berlin again.

Under the relentless, day and night Allied air blows the German war machine must inevitably collapse.