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FORTRESSES RETURN TO BERLIN.

We have already shown in detail the first daylight attack on Berlin by United States Fortresses and Liberators; this is the beginning of the second really big daylight raid on the German capital. The heavy bombers were again escorted by fighters; and their losses were greatly reduced from the number on the first raid --- thirty eight bombers and sixteen fighters. And between them the great fleet of many hundreds who made the assault struck a mighty blow at the Luftwaffe --- they destroyed one hundred and twenty five German fighters.

The target for the Liberators and Fortresses once again was industrial and military; king-pin of the targets was the huge Erkner ball-bearing factory. And now watch some of the bomb load go down on Berlin; the total load was ten thousand high explosives --- three hundred and fifty thousand incendiaries.

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Target well and truly pestered, the bombers return for bases in Britain. Dovetailing with the Royal Air Force heavy night attacks, they have shown Hitler that the capital of his tyrant kingdom is one of the most unhealthy cities on earth.

~~Some of the heavy bombers were damaged and some of them were signalling a distress that a member of the crew was wounded.~~

Look at the undercarriage, as this sky battleship comes in; one wheel has failed to come down --- the pilot has to make his landing on one main wheel. Superb nerve and skill and hundred-per-cent training have enabled the pilot to bring his great ship in - damaged but safe. ~~And once again, they struck a mighty blow for victory.~~

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