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THE WESTERN FRONT --- BATTLE DISPATCH FROM WAR ZONES IN EUROPE.

The period of lull on the Western Front is only comparative. It is a lull because the present fighting is overshadowed by the titanic battles that have gone before; because, at the moment, whole armies are not simultaneously on the move. But it doesn't mean that life in Holland is now a picnic. This was the advance on Overloon; to the men engaged upon it, in miserable weather, it isn't anything like a lull. And there's not much lull in the air war. ^

~~The BHea is having a terrific pounding from the R.A.F. This Lancaster is taking part in the day raid on Duisberg; a mass of incendiaries from one plane followed by a 4,000 lb. block buster.~~
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And this, by night, is the attack on nearby Brunswick. This assault synchronized with the day and night attacks on Duisberg when over two thousand planes dropped 10,000 tons of bombs. That was a greater load than the entire tonnage dropped by German planes on London in the eleven-months of the blitz. That alone is spectacular achievement by the bombers of the Royal Air Force. But at the same time, Bomber Command had the power to carry out this gigantic onslaught. They called it a Secondary attack; but they dropped another eight hundred tons of bombs. High altitude aerial films seldom do justice to an action of this kind. This time the film shows great areas of the city engulfed in flame. The Germans began the air war in Poland, before Great Britain was in the war at all. This is the retribution that has overtaken them.