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SELECTED TARGETS.

The greatest number of planes ever sent on a daylight mission by the 8th Air Force were flown to Wilhelmshaven. Backed up by other heavyweight attacks elsewhere (which came soon after), Germany received 4,000 tons of bombs in 2 1/2 hours. Selected targets methodically rubbed out by terrific concentrations of bombers.

Into the general story of allied air power come these combat pictures taken at the precise moment when fighter pilots scored their kills. Selected targets which came into the gun sights of allied planes, be they enemy aircraft, shipping or ground objectives.

Tail damage to one of the returning Forts heading back to base after the attack on Wilhelmshaven. Only five heavy bombers were lost during this record blow. Others brought home heavy scars to testify to the sky battle which raged over Germany's Naval base.

A Thunderbolt makes a crash landing after an encounter. One of the aircraft which help to screen the bombers from German interceptors.

Now let's switch to the German reply to all this. Here is a street corner in a London suburb after a Nazi raider had dumped his load. The achievement which called forth the announcement from Berlin - that "German bombers dropped heavy bombs on selected targets in the London area". Their "Selected targets" happened to be a dance hall, a Milk bar and a public house.

The process of destroying Germany's war centres is carried a step further, as an American-built aeroplane is handed over by General Baker to Air Chief Marshal Sir Arthur Harris. This joint Anglo-American ceremony tells again of the get-together working plan of the Allied air Commands. The actual act of handing over is performed by representatives of the lowest ranks in the two forces.

On more than one occasion we have heard Air Chief Marshal Harris refer to the smashing of Germany from the air. Today he has this to say -

(Air Chief Marshal Harris's Speech)