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THOUSAND TONS OF BOMBS ON W. GERMANY

FOUR NIGHTS' WORK BY BOMBER COMMAND

Last night's attack by aircraft of Bomber Command was the fourth on Western Germany this week. On two nights bad weather prevented operations, but on the other nights the attacks were on a large scale.

During the four nights some 1,000 tons of bombs were dropped on the Rhineland, on the Ruhr, and on other parts of Western Germany. An average of well over a ton a minute while the attacks were on, this is heavy bombing.

Much of the damage done to the German war effort in this series of attacks will never show in the photographs brought back by our aircraft - the damage to nerves, the curtailment of sleeping and working hours, the apprehensive rumours that spread through Germany whenever our bombers have been out in force.

It was "Achtung Schpitfeuer" during the Battle of Britain. Now in Germany, as a bomber pilot has put it, the fearful warning may well pass from mouth to mouth, "Achtung Wellington ... Achtung Schtirling, Achtung Hampden, Manchester, Whitley, Halifax..."

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