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Last night aircraft of Bomber Command in very great strength attacked Mannheim-Ludwigshaven, the important chemical and armament centre. Preliminary reports indicate that heavy damage was done.

Objectives in the Rhineland and airfields in Northern France and Belgium were also attacked.

Naval aircraft operating with Fighter Command destroyed an E-boat and a minesweeper in the Channel.

At least seven enemy aircraft were destroyed by the bombers, and two enemy aircraft were destroyed by fighters.

Thirty-four bombers and one fighter are missing.

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