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BERLIN HEAVILY BOMBED AGAIN

The great battle over Berlin continued last night when aircraft of Bomber Command in great strength delivered another heavy attack on the German capital. It began a few minutes after eight o'clock and lasted for just over half an hour.

The Germans had massed scores of fighters over or near the target, in a desperate effort to save their capital from further destruction. Lines of fighter flares had been laid as far away as 50 miles from Berlin, and extended right up to the city itself. Above, hovered the fighters, but in spite of them, of massed flak and hundreds of searchlights, the bombers went through to their objectives.

"When I reached the city," one Lancaster pilot said, "the attack was just coming to an end. Huge fires were burning fiercely below us, and smoke had reached a height of some three miles."

Flying Officer R.K. McIntyre, of Queensland, another Lancaster pilot, said that when they arrived they found that cloud covered about half the area of the capital.

"There were blocks of searchlights - hundreds of them," he said. "They were trying to probe the clouds. The rear-gunner saw two aircraft coned. Flak was pretty solid. The enemy appeared to be using the type that looks like hose piping as it comes up. It gives you the impression that it is impossible to get through it - but you do somehow. We had one or two holes in the bomb doors from hits."

"The fires were growing all the time," said Sgt. D. Baines, wireless operator in another Lancaster. He was taking part in his sixth flight to Berlin and added that five minutes after he had bombed, an orange flame shot up through the clouds. "It was like a huge geyser," he said. "By the time we left, there was a large area of fire, burning dark red, with black smoke rising to a height of 15,000 feet."

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