

FRENCH AIRCRAFT FACTORIES BOMBED

A number of squadrons of Lancasters last night attacked three aircraft factories on the outskirts of Toulouse, in the South west of France, and as far from base as Berlin.

The targets were marked and attacked soon after midnight, in clear weather, with visibility up to 20 miles and with a bright moon. Crews were able to observe the concentrated bombing of all three plants at the same time. The defences consisted of a small number of heavy and light anti-aircraft guns, with one or two searchlights.

The plants attacked are now mainly used by the enemy for the repair of Junkers 88s and Heinkel 111's, but severe damage to the works would also deprive the Germans of modern and well equipped factories at a time when similar industries in Germany itself have been heavily bombed.

The Louis Breguet works, for example, which stand beside the Toulouse-Montaudran airfield, is capable of building large aircraft and also of experimental work on new types. In 1942 it was used by the French for the production of prototypes and for developing a jet-propelled aircraft.

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