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8TH AIR FORCE BOMBERS

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"The Illustrated London News" of June 19, 1943 :

Cyrill Falls defends bombing policy.

"This is a form of attack sparing not only human lives, but is also economical from an industrial point of view."

Sparing and economical ! ?

Within three days — from Oktober 9 to 11, 1943 — **208** British and American planes were shot down.

The air victories attained over the Mediterranean swell this number to **231** planes, nearly all of them of the most modern four-engined type.



This is equal to
a loss of
2,200 men fly-
ing personnel.
The result of
three days !

One of the **2,200** men — Many of them suffered a terrible death.

Great interest has been shown in America recently in the publication of four articles in the Scripps-Howard newspapers under the heading "Bomb Germany out of the War." They present a point of view and certainly a basis for discussion. The Daily Express publishes a summary of these powerful articles herewith so that the British people may judge the issue for themselves.

Fewer Think Bombing Alone Can Beat Germany

IN spite of the tremendously increased scale and weight of R.A.F. and American bombing attack on Germany since this time last year, fewer people in Britain now believe that Germany can be defeated by bombing alone than did so in August, 1942.

In answer to the most recent Gallup Poll in Britain on the question:

"Do you think that we can defeat Germany by bombing alone?"

19 per cent. said "Yes."
69 per cent. said "No."
12 per cent. said "Don't know."

The equivalent figures for the same question asked in August, 1942, were:

30 per cent. said "Yes."
54 per cent. said "No."
16 per cent. said "Don't know."

Can Bombs destroy Germany?

Foresight Concentration

How are these bombing attacks made feasible? What force would be needed?

TWO events have produced the favourable situation wherein an air offensive on this scale can be projected. In the first, credit goes to President Roosevelt for his foresight. In a letter to Secretary of War Stimson over a year ago, on May 5, 1941, he ordered "a substantial increase

DIVERSION of two-thirds of American production for the next three months for concentration against Germany would mean a task force of 1,000 American bombers. That would still leave 500 for other fronts. Britain could supply at least another 1,000 towards a combined

Even you English do not believe in this. Inquiries recently made by the Gallup Poll resulted in the following: The question: "Do you think that we can defeat Germany by bombing?" was answered by

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His mother will never see him again. In the night preceding August 24, 1943 he was downed near Berlin. Sixty multi-engined British planes were shot down that night over Berlin. Many of his comrades present such a gruesome sight that we do not wish to show them to you.

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BEST PUB BOMBING

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Mr. STOKES (Soc.) raised the sub-
ject of bombing by asking how many
British and American bombers had
been lost over Germany and Western
Europe during April.

Sir ARCHIBALD SINCLAIR said that
the numbers were 287 British and
28 American.

Mr. Stokes remarked that this
meant that 699 bombers had been lost
since Jan. 1 over Europe and Ger-
many, and asked: "Is the Minister
satisfied that some of them could not
have been put to a more useful pur-
pose by being sent to help in the
Western approaches?"

Mr. SINCLAIR is satisfied!

Are the wives,
the mothers
and the children of
the men who were
crushed, maimed
and burned to
death just as sa-
tisfied as he is?
Do they also ap-
plaud frantically?

This young pilot
was over Ha-
nover and was
downed with his
bombing plane in
the night preceding
September 28, 1943.
Sixty-five more
aeroplanes, almost
all of them of the
four-engined type,
were shot down at
the same time.



He did not reach
Munich. In day
and night attacks in
Southern Germany
and the Munich dis-
trict on September 7,
1943 fifty-four British
and American planes
were destroyed, most
of them being four-
engined bombers.
But few of the crews
succeeded in saving
their lives by using
parachutes, and be-
came prisoners of
war, most of them
sacrificed their young
lives in a horrible
way.

USA Senator Chandler stated on Wednesday, October 6, 1943

"I do not know whether we can win this war by air power alone, but the attempt will pay."

And here is the answer given in one day :

On October 14, 1943, USA bomber formations attacked the city of Schweinfurt. They were met by squadrons of German fighter and destroyer planes, which in a furious air battle in co-operation with

the anti-aircraft artillery inflicted a severe defeat upon them.

The preliminary incoming reports stated that of about 250 to 300 attacking bombers, mostly of the four-engined type, 121 were shot down. It is very likely that this number will increase.



Here is one of the number of men, greatly exceeding 1000, who on one day precipitated from the sky to the earth. He was burned to death. Some of the many who perished over Germany.

The Experiment?

WORKING AND EMPIRE

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 1943



-AND MR. CHURCHILL

"The experiment is well worth trying so long as other measures are not excluded."

—Mr. Churchill, in a speech to the American Senate, May 19, 1943.



BEFORE THE RAIDS

Earlier the King had heard crews being "briefed" for their raids on Cologne. There was no formality, and the King laughed with the bomber crews when the intelligence officer said: "Cologne used to be considered a very hot spot, but it is not so bad now."



Church Answer to 'Stop Bombing' Campaign
RAIDS SAVE LIVES: ARCHBISHOP
'SONS OF RAIDS'

FRIDAY, THE DAILY MAIL, JUNE 25, 1943.



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Can bombing win the war?

Everybody is asking this question. Below we print the answers given by eight men who know Germany and the Germans.

SIR ERIC PHIPPS

in Berlin.

after heavy initial fighting, to be swiftly successful, like the last battles in Tunisia.

The reasons are that our bombing has deeply undermined German morale, already burdened by the memory of 1918; that it produces problems of war production, mass feeding, mass housing, transport, industry.

But the air control is so so abundant so abundant with with own means of bare subsistence. The disorganisation is so great that the material services would disintegrate.

The air inspired than the fear that this the end.

This young man and his friends lost their lives over Bremen in the night preceding August 9th 1943. Within 24 hours 107 British and U.S.A. bombers were shot down over Germany. The great majority of the crews were killed.

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I DON'T think bombing alone can win this war. But it is a qualified No. If we can vastly increase our present bombing and the spring, and the German

in the world, will be superior in every invasion rapid and forceful.

He came down with his plane over Nuremberg in the night preceding August 28th, 1943, when 60 planes, for the most part four-engined bombers, were shot down over Germany. Two of his friends were able to save themselves, by making parachute-landings, they are now prisoners of war in Germany.

Some of the many who perished over Germany

F.O. Reid, Norman 125 422
 W.O. Marshall, Peter 1055 280
 Sgt. Brown, G. R. 109 630
 Sgt. Hoskens, D. R 132 069
 Sgt. Duthie, G. R. NZ 415 298
 Sgt. Prentice, W. R. R 91 398
 Sgt. Addinsell, G. W. 410 586
 Sgt. Irwin, J. 1221 258
 Sgt. Barrett, M. R 135 579
 Sgt. Eyles, S. C. 193 235
 Sgt. La Brie, R. E. 178 430
 Sgt. Neal, R. F. 920 484
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