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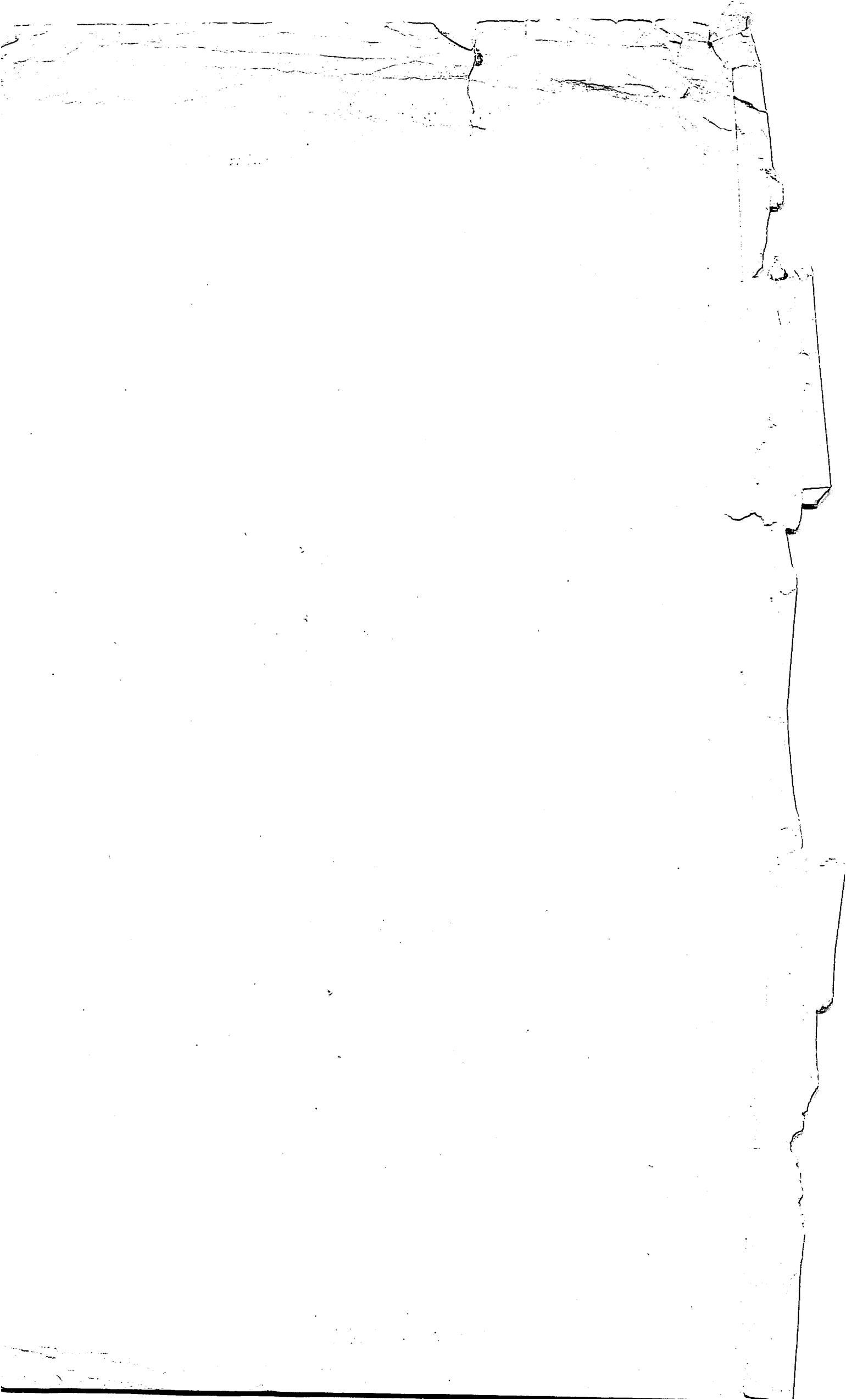
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ALLIED AIR ATTACKS ON GERMANY, 1945

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AIR ATTACKS ON GERMANY - 1945

The information in this document has been taken, with a few exceptions, from German reports made at the time of or shortly after the attacks and most of the major raids have been dealt with as far as availability of source material permits.

As in previous such documents a Location and a Chronological Index are attached as Appendix A and B respectively and at Appendix C is a full translation of the Final Report by the Police President on the raid on Wiesbaden on 2/3 February.

It is pointed out that the selection of raids in this and the previous documents dealing with earlier years of the war was made largely on the basis of bomb loads dropped and the number of aircraft participating. It is however appreciated that a number of raids, smaller in terms of bomb loads and aircraft engaged, were carried out but have found no place in these documents but which in their effect were of great importance. If details of any such raid are required, every effort will be made to supply them on the receipt of such a request.

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ASCHAFFENBURG
E.970 - LGK XIV

3 JANUARY
(USAAF)

The attack lasted from 1147 to 1203 hours. The whole town area was affected.

Bombs dropped: 600 H.E.
several thousand incendiary bombs.

A large number of houses were destroyed and many more were severely or slightly damaged. A paper factory was burnt out. Much damage was caused to the railway permanent way and through traffic was suspended. An ammunition train was set on fire. There were 4 major and 13 medium fires. Casualties amounted to 14 dead, 19 injured and a large number of missing.

ASCHAFFENBURG
As above

25 FEBRUARY

A medium heavy raid took place between 1208 and 1225 hours by about 300 aircraft. Recognised type: Liberator.

Bombs dropped: 1500 H.E.
20000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: 36 major and numerous smaller fires.

Houses: 150 destroyed
200 severely damaged and a large number suffered medium or slight damage.

Great devastation was caused to the railway installations and traffic was stopped in all directions. Electricity supplies failed and also telephone communications.

BAD KREUZNACH
As above

2 JANUARY
(USAAF)

At 1210 hours several carpets of bombs were dropped which caused considerable damage to railway installations and started several fires mainly in the Old Town.

Bombs dropped: 500 small mines
800 H.E. and
several thousand incendiary bombs.

The passenger and goods station was destroyed and traffic suspended. The Seitz works were 80% and the asbestos works 75% damaged. A chemical works was also badly damaged and there was much damage caused to houses. The number of casualties was not known at the time of this report.

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BERLIN
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff

3 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

Between 0950 and 1410 hours about 800 4 engined bombers penetrated and launched a heavy terror raid on Berlin from 1102 to 1150 hours. The main weight of the attack was borne by the inner districts of the city. Gauged by the amount of damage it was the heaviest raid yet.

Bombs dropped: 4000 H.E.
150000 incendiary bombs
500 oil bombs.

Fires: Numerous block fires.

Casualties: 516 dead, 857 injured, 1500 missing and 100000 homeless.

Numerous medium sized industrial concerns were hit, among which were:

Pintsch A.G.; Osram, Charlottenburg and Seestrassen works; A.E.G.; Agfa; Graetz; Schering A.G.; Puls & Co.

Heavy damage was done to transport. Long distance traffic ceased to operate and suburban and underground railways as well as trams were temporarily suspended.

Electricity failed in nearly all the inner city and gas and water supplies were extensively affected.

Tempelhof airfield suffered severe damage.

BERLIN
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26 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

Some 1100 bombers with fighter escort carried out a heavy terror raid on the whole city area with the exception of Spandau, Steglitz and Zehlendorf from 1155 to 1300 hours.

Bombs dropped: 5000 H.E.
300000 incendiary bombs
3000 oil bombs.

Casualties: 471 dead, 913 injured, 600 still buried and 102000 homeless.

Numerous major fires and heavy damage to house property occurred and a large number of public buildings were hit. These included: The Party Chancellery in the Wilhelmstrasse; the Foreign Office in the Kronenstrasse; the Police Presidency; the Voelkische Beobachter; the Ministry of Posts and Telegraph; some town halls and hospitals.

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The AEG Cable and Metal works in Oberschoeneweide was hit, destroying the telephone cable shop and reducing production 100% for an indefinite period. The Treptow works of AEG, manufacturing radio equipment, gyros and rectifiers, also suffered damage which resulted in 100% drop in production for some time. A large number of other firms were also affected.

Considerable disruption occurred in both long distance, local and municipal transport. A large number of stations and railway installations were hit.

Water supplies failed in the city centre and was seriously affected in the outer districts. Electricity failed in the eastern parts of the city and gas supplies were also considerably interrupted.

Tempelhof airfield was hit by 70 H.E. and 3000 incendiary bombs. A hangar and 7 barrack huts were destroyed and craters appeared on the taxiing area. The airfield was rendered unusable.

About 1200 bombers with fighter escort attacked the city from 1107 to 1227 hours. With the exception of Steglitz, Wilmersdorf, Spandau and Zehlendorf the whole town area was affected, particularly the centre and the north and northwest.

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28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

18 MARCH
(USAAF)

Bombs dropped: 6000 H.E. (650 D.A.)
500000 incendiary bombs
3000 oil bombs.

Casualties: 227 dead, 849 injured, 450 missing and 65000 homeless.

Among firms damaged were the following:

Weserflug A.G.,
A.E.G., Brunnenstrasse,
Agfa, Lohmuehlenstrasse,
Knorr-Bremse,
Rhenania-Ossag,
Borsig Machine Works,
B.M.W., Charlottenburg,
Telefunken,
Rheinmetall-Borsig,
Oxygen Works, Borsigwalde,
Alket, Borsigwalde.

Six main and a number of suburban railway lines were put out of action.

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Numerous public buildings were hit, including the Ministry of the Interior and several hospitals.

At A.E.G., Hennigsdorf, the radar instrument shop was destroyed.

At the Tempelhof airfield 4 hangars were severely damaged by fire and 2 FW 200 and several FW 190 were destroyed.

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24 MARCH
(USAAF)

Some 250 aircraft raided the industrial targets of Mariendorf and Marienfelde between 1222 and 1232 hours.

Bombs dropped:

Numerous H.E. and numerous incendiary bombs.

Damage to industry included:

Daimler-Benz Engine Works in Marienfelde suffered severe damage and 100 were buried under the debris.

Askania Works in Marienfelde were also severely damaged as was also the Fritz Werner Machine Tool Co.

Siemens Apparatebau A.G. in Mariendorf was hit and R. Stock & Co. (machines and tools).

All permanent way installations at the Marienfelde station were severely damaged and it was estimated that the line to Dresden would be closed for about 4 days.

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28 MARCH
(USAAF)

Some 500 aircraft carried out a medium attack on industrial targets in Spandau, Siemensstadt, Mariendorf and Marienfelde.

Bombs dropped:

3000 H.E.
100000 incendiary bombs
1000 oil bombs.

Houses:

569 destroyed
219 severely damaged
156 medium damage
426 slightly damaged.

Casualties:

166 dead, 248 injured and 20000 were rendered homeless.

Industrial damage included severe damage by fire to the A.F.V. factory of Daimler-Benz in Marienfelde and damage to Fritz Werner A.G., Siemens-Apparatebau and Peiner Stahl und Walzwerk.

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Osram in Siemensstadt also suffered damage by fire. The Henschel Aircraft Works in Johannistal, Heine Propellor Works in Wittenau and the Chemico-technical Institute in Reinickendorf were also hit.

A number of main line, suburban and underground stations and installations were hit, causing dislocation of traffic and closing of the line to Dresden as a result of hits on the permanent way at Marienfelde.

BOCHUM

As above and
FD. 3802/45 - German
Labour
Front

21/22 MARCH

The raid which took place at about 04.00 hours affected mainly the districts of Langendreer and Werne.

The following is a translation of excerpts of the report.

"Bochum Langendreer

Railways: The goods clearing departments and tracks for both goods and passenger traffic were severely damaged. Arrival and departure was stopped. Two railway bridges were badly hit". At the Bruchstrasse pit "much destruction was done to the raw benzol plant, tar containers and electrical workshops. In addition the gas compressor plant, the ammonia factory and despatch were severely hit. The administrative building received a direct hit. The pit station was also heavily hit.

The Bochumer Verein

The works received 34 hits. Sheds 2, 4 and 7 and the loading shed sustained damage and the mechanical workshops was hit. The workshop and assembly can operate again in 2 or 3 weeks provided there is power."

Considerable damage was also done to houses and streets in Langendreer and Werne.

In a further report concerning damage to the railways it was stated that the railway property at Langendreer received 479 hits and 36 duds. The majority of the railway staff were bombed out and consequently did not turn up for work.

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In the LW.Ops. Staff report dated 23 March the number of bombs dropped is given as:

6 mines
1300 H.E. and
numerous incendiary bombs.

There were 20 major fires and some 700 houses were destroyed or severely damaged with a large number more slightly damaged. Casualties are shown as 14 dead, 20 injured and 28 buried.

BOEHLLEN

28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

20/21 MARCH

Between 0200 and 0550 hours about 400 bombers are reported as having penetrated to Central Germany to attack industrial targets in the Halle area. The raid on Boehlen took place between 0343 and 0400 hours.

Bombs dropped: 520 H.E. and numerous incendiary bombs.

Houses: 8 destroyed
57 severely damaged
41 medium damage
15 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 2 dead and 10 injured.

The Brabag Hydrogenation Plant suffered severe damage and large fires broke out. Communications broke down.

BREMEN

E. 2910 - Pol. Pres.
E. 2616 - Harbour ARP.

24 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

The raid took place from 1233 to 1245 hours and affected mainly the harbour and railway installations and the inner town. Some 250 bombers participated.

Bombs dropped: 100 mines
2396 H.E. (27 duds or D.A.)
8000 incendiary bombs
8 phosphorous bombs (1 dud).

Houses: 162 destroyed
293 severely damaged
424 medium damage
1722 slightly damaged
1594 glass only.

Fires: 3 major, 23 medium and 27 smaller fires.

Casualties: 56 dead, 45 injured and 1400 homeless.

Severe damage was caused to a number of departments of the Atlas Works. The workshops building of the Vacuum Oil Co. was destroyed.

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Severe damage was also sustained by the Weser Flugzeugbau G.m.b.H. and also by the water works and gas works. A transformer plant was also badly hit.

A number of railway installations were severely damaged and a large quantity of rolling stock was destroyed.

About a dozen vessels in the harbour were sunk and many more severely damaged. A U-boat was sunk at the A.G. Weser works of Deschimag.

BREMEN

E. 2910 - Pol. Pres.

11 MARCH
(USAAF)

The alarm started at 1145 hours and the attack lasted from 1323 to 1348 hours. Some 300 aircraft are reported as having taken part in what was referred to as a heavy terror attack on the harbour areas, the west and east suburbs and Delmenhorst.

Bombs dropped:

11 mines
4095 H.E. (76 duds or D.A.)
1900 oil bombs (76 duds)
500 incendiary bombs.

Fires:

7 major, 36 medium and 106 smaller fires.

Houses:

290 destroyed
331 severely damaged
573 medium damage
1806 slightly damaged
2226 glass only.

Casualties:

84 dead, 106 injured, 15 buried and 2500 homeless.

The Weser AG was most seriously damaged, a large number of buildings sustaining either severe or medium damage from 80 H.E. and 130 incendiary bombs which fell between 1323 and 1345 hours. The total stock of timber was burnt out. It was not possible to estimate the decrease in production at the time of the report.

At the German Linoleum Works 2 buildings were destroyed and 3 others were damaged. Four main lines, to Hamburg, Berlin, Hanover and Osnabrueck, were destroyed in many places. All tracks at the Goods Station were destroyed. A certain amount of damage was also caused to police and military premises.

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28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

21 MARCH

A heavy raid was made on the harbour area by about 150 bombers from 0958 to 1007 hours.

Bombs dropped: 12 mines
1173 H.E. (26 duds or D.A.)
50 oil bombs
10 incendiary bombs.

Fires: 8 major, 3 medium and 9 smaller fires.

Houses: 93 destroyed
149 severely damaged
258 medium damage
1100 slightly damaged
250 glass only.

Casualties: 9 dead, 51 injured and 700 homeless.

Loading bridges and crane installations of the German Coal Co. were destroyed or severely damaged and production ceased for an indefinite period.

Hit by 20 H.E. bombs the A.G. Weser suffered severe to slight damage.

The boiler forge was severely damaged and a number of wooden sheds destroyed.

At the Weser Aircraft Works 3 hangars were destroyed and another severely damaged as well as the electrical workshop. Several tanks and some tank trucks were burnt out at the German Vacuum Oil Co. The Distillation plant as well as all buildings were severely damaged.

The administrative building and transformer plant at Krupps as well as staff accommodation were destroyed.

The N. German Foundry was also badly hit. The administrative building, the ferro-nickel plant, the coking and blast furnace installations as well as a crane installation were destroyed as was also all accommodation for foreign labour.

A large number of small craft were sunk and transport installations including landing jetties were destroyed or severely damaged.

The station was severely damaged and a bridge also sustained severe damage.

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E. 2910 - Pol. Pres.

23 MARCH

The raid took place between 0959 and 1007 hours and was a heavy one, in which 250 aircraft were engaged and which covered also Delmenhorst, Hasbergen and Hoykenkamp.

Bombs dropped:

5 mines
902 H.E. bombs.

Fires:

2 medium and 2 smaller fires.

Houses:

76 destroyed
97 severely damaged
98 medium damage
205 slightly damaged
299 glass only.

Casualties:

17 dead, 36 injured & 760 homeless.

The gas works sustained heavy damage causing 100% drop in production for an indefinite period. The permanent way and various railway installations were damaged and the lines to Oldenburg, Osnabrueck and Wesermuende were closed. Damage was also caused to rolling stock and buildings.

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27 MARCH

Between 1301 and 1305 hours about 200 aircraft carried out a raid on Farge.

Bombs dropped:

800 H.E. (700 D.A.) Until 1600 hours 300 D.A. bombs had detonated one after the other and even up to 1900 hours there were further detonations.

Houses:

6 destroyed
44 severely damaged
47 medium damage
115 slightly damaged.

Casualties:

6 dead, 20 injured & 100 homeless.

Damage is reported as severe at the Economic Research Co. to Container Block 13, water mains and high and low voltage cables. About 3000 cubic metres of industrial alcohol were burnt. Damage was also caused to stores, workshops and appliances of the building firm of Tesch on the works area. Two heavy H.E. bombs, probably 12000 lbs, caused holes 7-8 metres in diameter in the 4½ metre thick roof of the air raid shelter at the naval building project "Valentin". Damage is referred to as severe.

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30 MARCH
(USAAF)

A heavy H.E. attack was made by about 500 aircraft from 1351 to 1427 hours on bridges, transport installations, harbour and industrial areas from the Town Centre to Farge.

Bombs dropped: 3748 H.E. (46 duds or D.A.)
10 oil bombs.

Fires: 12 major, 8 medium & 6 smaller fires.

Houses: 276 destroyed
627 severely damaged
481 medium damage
3204 slightly damaged
109 glass only.

Casualties: 75 dead, 71 injured & 1200 homeless.

At the A.G. Weser most severe damage was reported to buildings and material. The Louis Krages Saw Mill suffered severely also, 8 locomotives, stores and other sheds being destroyed and many more severely damaged. Widespread damage was also done to the Weser Aircraft Co. and the Bremen Besigheimer Oil Works. Two bridges, the Adolf-Hitler and a railway bridge, were destroyed and both the Luederitz and Kaiser bridges sustained medium damage. The railway line to Oldenburg, Wesermuende, Vegesack and Hamburg were severely damaged as well as other railway installations and buildings including the Central Station. Seven U-boats were sunk and another severely damaged.

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E. 2910 - Pol. Pres.

22 APRIL

This raid was made by about 600 aircraft from 1826 to 1930 hours. The eastern suburbs of the town were mainly affected.

Bombs dropped: 17 mines
1100 H.E. (40 duds or D.A.)
200 incendiary bombs
10 oil bombs.

Fires: 13 major and 8 medium fires.

Houses: 348 destroyed
254 severely damaged
602 medium damage
1016 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 43 dead, 57 injured, 44 buried,
7 missing and 6000 homeless.

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The Borgwardt works in Hastedt and the Lloyd Dynamo Works as well as the Stephan Ketels A.G. soap factory were all destroyed. Severe damage was caused to the Adolf-Hitler barracks and another barracks suffered medium damage. An airraid shelter was hit killing 17 and injuring 7. It was reported that a considerable increase in casualties, damage to property and number of bombs dropped was to be expected.

BRUNSWICK
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff
CD. 1211 - MIAG.

3 MARCH

Penetrations took place between 0850 and 1330 hours and among other places Brunswick was the object of attention from 1031 to 1145 hours.

Bombs dropped: 2 mines
900 H.E.
12000 incendiary bombs
650 oil bombs.

Houses: 164 destroyed
73 severely damaged
91 medium damage
189 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 35 dead, 56 injured, 29 buried
and 1200 homeless.

A number of industrial concerns were damaged including MIAG, Buessing-NAG, Kargeshammer Machine works, Brunswick Foundry and about 5 more. Ten H.E. bombs fell on the MIAG works causing partial damage to workshops, stores and production halls. Two machines for tank production were destroyed and 6 more were damaged.

BUER
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

22 MARCH

There is no information as to the time of the raid nor the number of aircraft employed.

Bombs dropped: 5700 H.E.
66000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: 13 major fires.

Houses: 700 houses destroyed or damaged.

Casualties are reported as slight.

CHEMNITZ
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff

6 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

This raid was carried out between 1115 and 1133 hours by some of the 1000 bombers which penetrated Central Germany for attacks on industrial and railway targets.

Bombs dropped: some 2000 H.E. bombs.

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Houses: In the town centre, the north-east sectors and Hilbersdorf severe damage was reported in residential areas. 48 houses were destroyed and 380 were damaged.

Casualties: 50 dead, 120 injured.

The works of Schoenherr A.G., manufacturing weapons, was hit and buildings were heavily damaged.

Severe damage was done to tracks and coaches at Hilbersdorf station and also to the Railway Repair Works in Ebersdorf.

Several tracks at the Central Station were damaged and the line Dresden - Zwickau was cut.

Severe damage was also done to the steel casting plant of G. Trautheim A.G. causing several days loss of production. All buildings of Rudolf Vogt, engaged on the munitions programme, were either destroyed or damaged.

CHEMNITZ
As above

14 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

An attack in some strength was made between 1226 and 1245 hours. Bombing was concentrated on outlying districts in the southern part of the town.

Bombs dropped: 600 H.E.
2000 incendiary bombs
10 oil bombs.

Houses: The following damage resulted in the districts of Adelsberg, Zschopauerstrasse, Alt Chemnitz and Bernsdorf:

15 destroyed
29 severely damaged
31 medium damage
160 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 34 dead, 43 injured and 59 buried.

Industrial damage included:
Faradit Works: Metal tubing plant gutted. Auto Union: Hits on welding shop; no machines damaged. Fires in store-rooms. Witt Spinning Mill: Hits on works.
Schubert & Salzer (Engineering Works): Hits scored on the foundry, machine shop and railway sidings.

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Work in foundry suspended until further notice.

Germania Engineering Works (boilers & piping): Boiler-making plant and hutted camp damaged. Astra Works (optical equipment, aircraft equipment and armament): Plants I & II slightly damaged.

Production suspended owing to breakdown of electricity supplies.

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14/15 FEBRUARY

Attacks were made by about 650 aircraft between 2049 and 2123 hours and 0030 and 0046 hours. It was a fairly heavy terror attack and bombing was concentrated on the central, southern and south-western districts of the city including Gablenz. Houses were damaged in the central area and in the districts of Gablenz and Sigmar-Schoenau.

Bombs dropped: 4 mines
730 H.E. (120 D.A.)
2500 incendiary bombs.

Houses: 69 destroyed
103 severely damaged
60 medium damage
1197 slightly damaged.

Fires: 15 major, 52 medium and 108 smaller fires.

Casualties: 115 dead, 360 injured, 300 missing and 1600 homeless.

The firm of Anger & Sohn, manufacturing ammunition boxes, was completely destroyed. Sachsenerz & Co. was extensively damaged and considerable damage to buildings of the timber works of Diedrich & Hannak was also done. A breakdown in power supplies caused production to be halted. The banlage manufacturers Max Arnold suffered medium to heavy damage and a number of other firms were also hit. Drinking water was cut off and gas and electricity supplies partially failed. Local traffic was brought to a standstill and long distance traffic through Chemnitz was not possible for the time being. Trams could not run due to the destruction of the transformer works.

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28X - 11 - LW.Ops.Staff

2 and 3 MARCH
(USAAF)

The supplementary report of 8th April gives the following information concerning the results of the two raids.

Bombs dropped: 9 mines
1510 H.E. bombs.

Fires: 17 major, 12 medium & 25 smaller fires.

Houses: 358 destroyed
411 severely damaged
583 medium damage
1995 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 529 dead, 546 injured and 7580 homeless.

There were 10 industrial concerns and 1 water works among targets destroyed. 22 further industrial concerns were damaged as well as a gas works and some railway installations. Traffic on the line to Plauen was interrupted. Damage to the Wanderer Works caused a production decrease of 100%. Some machine works and iron and steel firms were also in part severely affected.

The LW.Ops.Staff report of 2nd March refers to the first raid as a heavy one, when at about 1020 hours numerous H.E. and incendiary bombs were dropped, affecting mainly the town area, the Central station district, the neighbourhood of the Lutherkirche and Siegmars-Schoenau and Reichenhain. The Reinecker Machine-Tool works and the Hilscher Machine factory were hit. Only medium damage was caused to the permanent way at the Central Station but severe damage at Siegmars-Schoenau station.

The LW.Ops.Staff report of 3rd March states that in the second raid about 300 aircraft took part, affecting the districts of Ebersdorf, Sonnenberg, Gablenz, Bernsdorf, Falkeplatz, Kassberg and the Dresdener Strasse. The Reinecker Machine-Tool works, Hilscher Machine factory and the firm of Viktor Koeppen were severely damaged. Slight damage was caused to railway installations.

A large number of fires and severe damage to houses occurred in the affected areas of the town but casualties had not been reported at the time of the report.

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CHEMNITZ
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5 MARCH
(USAAF)

In a supplementary report dated 8th April the following particulars are given.

Bombs dropped:

Some mines
4128 H.E. bombs (54 D.A.)
160000 incendiary bombs
130 phosphorous bombs
12 oil bombs.

Fires:

336 major, 454 medium and 2539 smaller fires.

Houses:

2857 destroyed
447 severely damaged
455 medium damage
1237 slightly damaged.

Industrial:

114 destroyed
30 severely damaged
12 medium damage
11 slightly damaged.

Casualties:

349 dead, 219 injured and 86900 homeless. Of 911 buried 427 had been recovered, 300 of them dead.

Also destroyed were an electricity and a water works, railway installations and 3 military installations.

Another electricity works and a gas works were severely damaged. Severe damage to the permanent way was caused at the Central Station where 29 tracks (including 6 main lines) were closed.

CHEMNITZ
28X - 11 - IM.Cps.
Staff

5/6 MARCH

A force of about 600 bombers and a strong Mosquito formation penetrated between 1945 and 2350 hours for a heavy attack on Chemnitz where numerous area and major fires broke out in the town area. All means of communication were destroyed as well as the Main Post Office. No further details are available.

COLOGNE
E. 1326 - Pol. Pres.

10 JANUARY
(USAAF)

During the period of alarm (1056 to 1424 hours) a total of about 400 aircraft attacked Cologne at 3 different times, viz. 1205 to 1220 hours, 1300 to 1325 hours and 1347 to 1352 hours. Bombs were dropped mainly on the inner town on both banks of the Rhein, the southern and the eastern suburbs. The targets were the Rhein bridges, harbour and transport installation.

Bombs dropped:

6 mines
2500 H.E. (96 duds).

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Fires: 4 medium and 4 smaller fires.

Houses: 58 destroyed
81 severely damaged
74 medium damage
286 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 17 dead, 32 injured and 550 homeless.

Medium to slight damage was caused to 6 industrial concerns including Osram and the Poll works of Kloeckner-Humboldt-Deutz. The signals box of the harbour railway was destroyed and the passenger station at Deutz was severely damaged as was also the Gereon goods station and installations at Nippes and the line to Neuss.

The Hohenzollern bridge sustained damage to the railway track and the foot bridge. The air force station at Ostheim and 3 Flak sites were also damaged.

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14 JANUARY
(USAAF)

Between 1110 and 1410 hours about 400 aircraft were over the city and dropped several bomb carpets on both banks of the Rhein between the two bridges between 1326 and 1344 hours. The main targets were bridges and railway installations.

Bombs dropped: 6 mines
2500 H.E. (14 duds).

Fires: 8 medium and 1 smaller fire.

Houses: 60 destroyed
77 severely damaged
70 medium damage
131 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 39 dead, 97 injured and 730 homeless.

The administrative building of the South Station was destroyed and some rail bridges over streets destroyed or damaged. The Deutz station was severely damaged and two hits were scored on the Central Station. The Railway Repair Works at Nippes was also severely damaged.

A total of 31 hits were scored on 3 bridges over the Rhein, the Adolf-Hitler bridge being usable only by light traffic and the

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28 JANUARY
(USSAF)

other two (railway), the Hindenburg and Hohenzollern being still usable. Damage was also caused to 5 military installations.

Between 400 and 500 aircraft participated in this raid which lasted from 1126 to 1440 hours. Several bomb carpets were dropped in two periods, 1146 to 1206 hours and 1212 to 1220 hours. The raid was aimed at Rhein bridges, transport installations and the airfield.

Bombs dropped: 11 mines
3000 H.E. (8 duds).

Fires: 3 medium and 2 smaller fires.

Houses: 50 destroyed
32 severely damaged
42 medium damage
188 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 70 dead, 79 injured and 370 homeless.

The Law Courts and the Regional Office of the Railway were severely damaged and the Adolf-Hitler bridge was destroyed. The Hohenzollern bridge was hit by 4 bombs. 5 railway installations were hit, the Central Station being severely damaged. Damage was also done to the harbour railway.

COLOGNE
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

2 MARCH

Between 0950 and 1050 hours penetrations took place by about 350 bombers with fighter escort for a raid in the Cologne area and at 0955 attacked Cologne itself.

About 3000 H.E. bombs were dropped covering the whole town area, in particular the centre, around the Central Station and Deutz. The Central Station, the Hohenzollern (rail) bridge and the Cathedral were severely damaged.

COTTBUS
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff

15 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

Aircraft of the 1st and 3rd Bomber Div. penetrated to attack Cottbus between 1202 and 1235 hours. Railway installations were mainly affected. Details of bomb load are not available but the Railway Repair Works were heavily damaged and work temporarily stopped.

Some industrial concerns were destroyed including Thoerl Spinning Mill and the textile

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firms of Sommerfield and Hans Grashoff. The female penal establishment which was being used as an armaments factory was also destroyed. Two Focke-Wulf plants were also hit and damaged.

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8a 2297 - Chief, Orpo.
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.Staff

7/8 MARCH

About 200 aircraft carried out this raid between 2151 and 2227 hours, mainly affecting the south-east of the town.

Bombs dropped:

1500 H.E.
80000 incendiary bombs
1634 oil bombs.

About 80% of the dwelling houses were either destroyed or severely damaged. To date 400 dead were reported but it was estimated that this figure would increase. At Junkers Aircraft Works 4 hangars, the administrative buildings and several other buildings were heavily damaged, including the assembly. Power supplies were cut. Severe damage was also done to the Junkers Aero-engine Works. Several other industrial concerns were also affected. Much damage was caused to the permanent way, buildings and rolling stock at the Central Station. Three other stations were also damaged to a lesser degree. The Railway Repair Works were heavily damaged.

DORTMUND

8a 2297 - Chief, Orpo.
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.Staff

20/21 FEBRUARY

This raid took place between 0058 and 0117 hours and was concentrated on the hitherto untouched western and south-western districts of the city.

Bombs dropped:

3000 H.E.
300000 incendiary bombs.

Fires:

287 major, 424 medium and 409 smaller fires.

Houses:

449 destroyed
482 severely damaged
355 medium damage
1904 slightly damaged.

At the main railway station the booking hall and tracks were badly damaged. All lines were blocked. At the marshalling yard tracks and buildings were badly damaged. The yard was out of action for the time being. At Bommerhoehe station the viaduct and Bommerhoehe were hit and made impassable. Both lines were blocked.

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28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
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10 MARCH
(USAAF)

Industrial installations sustained only slight damage but 4 hospitals were badly damaged and 4 stores, 1 market, 1 military and 12 police properties were hit. The number of casualties is not known.

About 500 aircraft carried out a heavy terror raid between 1236 and 1325 hours.

All parts of the town were affected.

Bombs dropped: 4000 H.E.
50000 incendiary bombs.

Houses: 49 destroyed
111 severely damaged
139 medium damage
numerous slightly damaged.

Casualties: 26 dead, 20 injured.

About 7 railway stations were hit, some severely, and a number of lines were put out of action. The Hoesch AG. as well as 2 pits were hit. The Hoerde Works of the Dortmund-Hoerde United Foundry and Brown, Boveri & Co. were hit.

DORTMUND
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12 MARCH

A force of about 600 aircraft of all bomber groups was first plotted at 1530 hours east of Amiens flying NE. It entered Germany at 1600 hours at Aachen and flew to the target area via Cologne, Remscheid and Hagen. The raid took place between 1620 and 1712 hours and was the heaviest attack to date on the whole town area. The south, east and north of the town were mainly affected.

Bombs dropped: 7500 H.E.
100000 incendiary bombs.

Houses: 79 destroyed
137 severely damaged
143 medium damage
numerous slightly damaged.

Casualties: 23 dead and 180 injured.

Considerable industrial damage was done and among concerns destroyed was the United Electricity Works. Hoesch AG. was damaged. There were several large and 50 medium fires. Several air raid shelters were hit.

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DRESDEN
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff

13/14 FEBRUARY

Two heavy attacks were made on the entire city area between 2209 and 2235 hours and 0122 and 0154 hours. Bombing was concentrated on the residential and commercial districts in the city centre.

Bombs dropped:

6000 H.E.
400000 incendiary bombs
2000 oil bombs
4500 jet incendiary bombs and a large number of leaflets and ration cards.

Houses:

Exact figures cannot be given but houses in the city area were extensively damaged. The Old Town and adjoining districts and the southern suburban area were almost completely destroyed. Very heavy damage resulted in the districts of Johannstadt, Friedrichstadt, Strissen, Blasewitz, Strehlen, Gruna, Plausen and in the New Town.

Fires:

There were a large number of fires and fire storms developed in the central district.

Casualties:

Casualties were believed to be very heavy, the majority of them arising in the second attack when large numbers of people were leaving the city. A very large number were trapped by rubble. About 500000 were rendered homeless.

A large number of public buildings were hit and nearly all of them destroyed.

Railway buildings and installations were seriously affected, including the regional offices. The Central Station was gutted and severe damage done to tracks, resulting in services being temporarily suspended. At the Neustadt passenger station the reception building was destroyed, heavy damage caused to tracks and services suspended. At the Neustadt goods station sheds were badly damaged by fire. At the Altstadt station passenger coaches and goods trucks were also badly damaged by fire. The Infantry Barracks and several reserve hospitals were badly damaged and gas, water and electricity services were put out of action.

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The following industrial concerns were destroyed:
Clemens Mueller (special instruments); Glaeser Coach-builders; Laube Machine Works; Zeiss-Ikon; Ika (optical and special signals equipment); Ernemann (fuses and optical instruments); "Universell" Dresden (weapon parts and torpedos) and a number of others.

DRESDEN
As above

14 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

About 1100 bombers penetrated to attack various towns. Some of these carried out a raid on Dresden from 1215 to 1225 hours and Loebtau, Friedrichstadt, Cotta and Leipziger-Vorstadt were the districts mostly affected.

Bombs dropped:

1000 H.E.
30000 incendiary bombs
300 oil bombs.

Details of damage to houses and the number of casualties are not available.

The Friedrichstadt Goods Station and the Wettiner Station were hit.

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2 MARCH
(USAAF)

Part of the force of 1100 bombers with fighter protection which paid a visit to Dresden, Magdeburg and Chemnitz attacked Dresden at about 1025 hours.

Numerous H.E. and incendiary bombs were dropped which caused severe damage to the Neustadt, Altstadt and Niedersebnitz districts. Also hit were the Leipzig suburb, the industrial area in the north and the districts of Striesen, Fadebeul, Coswig, Dobritz and Gruna. Severe damage was also caused to the Waldschloesschen district.

Damage to transport installations included severe damage to the permanent way at the Neustadt passenger station and to railway installations on the banks of the Elbe in the Altstadt near the Marien bridge.

At the date of the report (2nd March) information concerning industrial damage and casualties was not available.

Medium damage resulted at the Neustadt Goods Station and the stations at Wettinerstrasse and Koenig-Albert-Hafen. Four lines were temporarily closed.

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17 APRIL
(USAAF)

Some 1200 bombers and 350 fighters penetrated as far as Nuremberg where one bomber division remained, the rest flying on to Pilsen and Dresden which latter town was attacked from 1350 to 1500 hours by one division.

Bombs dropped: 3000 H.E.
10000 incendiary bombs.

In the Old Town and New Town, in Strehlen and further suburbs damage was caused to houses, public buildings and public supply installations. Numerous fires were started. Compared with the scale of attack the damage was slight. Most of the bombs fell on former bombed-out sites. Railway installations at 6 stations, damage to tracks and buildings was extensive and an ammunition train was blown up. Rail traffic was stopped for several days.

DUELMEN
As above

22 MARCH

No details are available as to time of attack or number of aircraft engaged.

Bombs dropped: 10 mines
1500 H.E.
22000 incendiary bombs
5000 phosphorous bombs.

Fires: 350 fires in all.

Houses: 1000 houses were either destroyed or damaged.

Casualties: 200 dead, 500 injured and a large number buried.

DUISBURG
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff

21/22 FEBRUARY

About 250 R.A.F. bombers of 1, 6 and 8 Groups penetrated at 2250 hours and attacked Duisburg from 2304 to 2326 hours from between 5 - 6500 metres. It was termed a heavy terror raid and affected mainly the centre, south and west of the town. Rheinhausen and Krefeld were also attacked.

Bombs dropped: Duisburg:
50 mines
400 H.E.
40000 incendiary bombs.

Rheinhausen:
20 mines
500 H.E.
25000 incendiary bombs.

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Krefeld:

4 mines
150 H.E.
10000 incendiary bombs.

In Duisburg 9 industrial targets were hit. In Rheinhausen some 100 houses were destroyed and 600 damaged. In Krefeld, where the town centre, Uerdingen, Oppum and Rheinhafen were mostly affected numerous fires occurred and about 100 houses were destroyed and 800 damaged.
6 industrial targets were hit.

ESSEN

28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff

23 FEBRUARY

About 400 aircraft of 3, 4, 6 and 8 Groups penetrated the Ruhr area to attack various industrial and transport targets including those at Essen.
The raid occurred between 1500 and 1527 hours.

Bombs dropped:

3 mines
1000 H.E.
300000 incendiary bombs.

Houses:

515 destroyed
400 severely damaged
717 medium damage
319 slightly damaged.
In addition 10 public buildings were hit.

Casualties:

8 dead, 35 injured and 9 buried.

Krupps suffered light damage but severe damage was done to tracks and buildings at the Central Station.

Attacks were also made on Bochum, Wanne-Eickel, Gelsenkirchen, Buer and Wattenscheid. Bombs dropped amounted to:

27 mines
772 H.E.

17000 incendiary bombs and casualties totalled 78 dead, 130 injured and 152 buried. 101 houses were destroyed and 1496 damaged. Krupps synthetic fuel plant at Wanne-Eickel and the Deutsche Eisenwerke and Friedberg Screw factory at Gelsenkirchen were hit.

ESSEN

28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
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8 MARCH
(USAAF)

A heavy raid took place between 1418 and 1445 hours which affected mainly railway installations and trunk roads in the N, NE, and NW of the town.

Bombs dropped: 1200 H.E.

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Houses: 80 destroyed
105 severely damaged
135 medium damage
numerous slightly damaged.

Casualties: 22 dead, 68 injured and 22 buried.

Seven industrial concerns were hit.

ESSEN

E. 1325 - Krupps
E. 2908 - Railway Reg.
Off. (post-war)
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

11 MARCH

About 500 aircraft of all Bomber Groups except 8, and divided into 2 attacking groups, penetrated W. Germany for what is referred to as the heaviest daylight raid on the town of Essen. Some 1100 bombs were dropped altogether on Essen at about 1500 hours and the following is a translation of a report of the Works Chief ARP Warden of Krupps:

"Very severe damage mainly in the southern and central areas of the Steel works. In the northern part, north of Pferdebahnstrasse, several plants suffered only medium damage. In all some 800 H.E. bombs were dropped, of which a large number were of very heavy calibre and numerous mines. Several plants were completely destroyed by these heavy hits. Very severe damage was also caused to the power network so that production even in the less damaged plants has been brought to a complete standstill. Destruction was very severe also in the works railway network as well as the rolling stock and locomotive park. As a result of the failure of water supplies and because the works roads were completely impassable fires were inadequately dealt with. Casualties amounted to 8 dead, 15 severely injured and many slightly injured."

In a report on 15th December, 1947 to the Railway Control Officer, the Regional Office of the Railways stated that all records had been lost but from "estimates and recollections" gave the following particulars:

At Essen Central Station damage came to 70% in the booking offices, 100% at both the goods and express goods offices.

"Loco shed 2 including all auxiliary plants and the wagon handling plants in the stabling yards West and Waldhausen were destroyed."

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FRANKFURT
E. 970 - LGK XIV
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
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17 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

A formation of 450 Fortresses and 200 Mustangs as escort penetrated the LGK area between 1055 and 1335 hours, some of which attacked transport installations in the Frankfurt/Offenbach area. The actual raid took place from 1150 to 1255 hours.

Bombs dropped:

Frankfurt:
3 - 4,000 H.E.

Offenbach:
500 H.E.
500 phosphorous bombs.

In Frankfurt damage was done to the Central Station as well as to the East, Luisa and East Goods Stations. The old bridge over the Main and the Adolf-Hitler bridge were hit but still usable. Severe damage to houses was caused and about 100 people were buried in the districts of Sachsenhausen, Bockenheim and Hausen, where 20 were killed and numerous injured. Naxos-Union, I.G. Farben in Fechenheim, Nica-Industrie and the firm of Wiedemann were heavily damaged and production output was put back by several weeks.

In Offenbach the western, south-western districts and Buergerl suffered most.

Of 20 industrial concerns hit 1 was destroyed and 8 severely damaged and casualties amounted to 14 dead and 28 injured. Damage to houses amounted to 63 destroyed, 67 severely damaged, 32 medium damage and 150 slightly damaged.

FRANKFURT
E. 970 - LGK XIV

9 MARCH
(USAAF)

About 400 aircraft participated in this raid which took place between 0958 and 1020 hours. The targets were in the areas of the East Harbour, Central Station and Heddernheim, where the V.D.M. plant was hit. About 2 - 3000 H.E. bombs and a large number of incendiary bombs were dropped. Severe damage was caused to house property in the inner town and in the S., W., E., Sachsenhausen and Heddernheim districts. Damage was also severe in a number of industrial concerns, including the V.D.M., Adler works, Teves, Hartmann & Braun, Naxos-Union and the railway repair works as well as at the Central Station, the main goods station and East Station. Only slight casualties were reported.

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GELSENKIRCHEN
E. 2446 - Pol. Pres.

22 JANUARY

Offenbach was also hit by numerous H.E. and incendiary bombs in the southern and northern parts of the town. Further details are not given owing to a complete failure of communications.

The alarm lasted from 2214 to 2305 hours and the actual raid from 2231 to 2250 hours.

Bombs dropped: 55 mines
600 H.E. (50 duds & 7 D.A.)
65000 incendiary bombs
5000 phosphorous bombs.

Fires: 13 major, 114 medium & 554 smaller fires.

Houses: 126 destroyed
174 severely damaged
109 medium damage
711 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 45 dead, 96 injured and 11773 homeless.

A number of pit heads were damaged to varying degrees and Grillo-Funke sustained medium damage. At the German Iron Works 3 workshops were destroyed and the machine room and steel shop of the Iron & Metal Co. in Eichenallee was severely damaged. Damage was also caused to railway, police and military installations.

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as above

23 FEBRUARY

The alarm lasted from 1455 to 1533 hours, during which time the attack was launched from 1502 to 1525 hours.

Bombs dropped: 21 mines
359 H.E. (43 duds)
6850 incendiary bombs.

Fires: 1 major, 12 medium and 113 smaller fires.

Houses: 48 destroyed
75 severely damaged
104 medium damage
412 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 87 dead, 76 injured and 1206 homeless.
(These include 12 Russian P/W dead and 18 injured.)

The German Iron Works suffered medium damage in No.1 mechanical workshop and the blast furnace rail installations.

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Ruhrstahl A.G. also suffered severe damage by fire. A number of gas and water mains were damaged as were also some pitheads.

GELSENKIRCHEN
as above

27 FEBRUARY

The raid lasted from 1429 to 1434 hours.

Bombs dropped: 30 mines
1000 H.E. (61 duds and 2 D.A.)

Fires: 2 major, 2 medium & 5 smaller fires.

Houses: 89 destroyed
35 severely damaged
38 medium damage
462 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 27 dead, 64 injured & 4103 homeless.

The cooling plant at the Alena pit was severely damaged by H.E. which caused a major fire. The other major fire was in the sinter plant of the German Iron Works where a number of other buildings were also damaged. Gas, water and electricity supplies at the Iron & Metal Co. in Eichenallee were affected as were a number of other water and gas mains.

GELSENKIRCHEN
as above

28 FEBRUARY

The alarm lasted from 1140 to 1217 hours and the raid from 1200 to 1215 hours.

Bombs dropped: 12 mines
819 H.E. (49 duds and 8 D.A.)

Fires: 1 major and 4 smaller fires.

Houses: 50 destroyed
23 severely damaged
87 medium damage
145 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 11 dead, 22 injured & 953 homeless.

Severe damage was caused to Nordstern coking plant, the Ruhrgas A.G. and the Wilhelmine-Victoria pit.

GELSENKIRCHEN
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5 MARCH

This raid took place between 1403 and 1411 hours. The main weight was borne by the inner town and the pits.

Bombs dropped: 80 mines
4000 H.E.

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Fires: 5 major, 5 medium & 7 smaller fires.

Houses: 140 destroyed
170 severely damaged
217 medium damage
800 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 160 dead, 72 injured & 40 buried.
12 industrial concerns were hit.

GELSENKIRCHEN
As above

8 MARCH
The following details include those for the attack of Buer. The raid lasted in all from 1415 to 1440 hours.

Bombs dropped: 1690 H.E. (27 D.A.)
600 incendiary bombs
240 phosphorous bombs.

Houses: 32 destroyed
46 severely damaged
45 medium damage
several slightly damaged.

Casualties: 13 dead, 18 buried. (These figures refer only to Gelsenkirchen. In Buer no casualties are reported.)

The hydrogenation works in Scholven and the Gelsenberg-Benzin A.G. were hit.

HAGEN
As above

15/16 MARCH
About 200 bombers launched a heavy attack between 2034 and 2047 hours. The town Centre, the neighbourhood of the Central Station and various suburbs bore the brunt of the attack.

Bombs dropped: 1500 H.E.
70000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: 105 major, 600 medium and 500 smaller fires.

Houses: 1050 destroyed
500 severely damaged
550 medium damage
850 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 285 dead, 340 injured, 100 buried and 35000 homeless.

22 public buildings were either destroyed or damaged and 8 industrial concerns were destroyed and 16 damaged.

HALBERSTADT
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8 APRIL
(USAAF)
The majority of the 500 aircraft of the 1st Bomber Division, which had penetrated to the Nordhausen

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area, turned to attack transport installations in Halberstadt from 6-7000 metres between 1130 and 1141 hours.

Bombs dropped: numerous H.E. and numerous incendiary bombs.

The station was very severely damaged, the entrance hall and tunnel collapsing. The Werstetter (road) bridge and a number of maintenance buildings were destroyed and all lines within the station were closed.

At the fuselage and wing construction works of Junkers 2 hangars were destroyed and 1 hangar, the administrative building and the apprentices' workshop suffered severe damage. The works were put out of action. Severe damage and numerous fires were caused in the town area.

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AS above and
8a 2297 - Chief,Orp.

6 APRIL
(USAAF)

A medium heavy attack took place between 0935 and 1030 hours. The main targets hit were the Central Station and surrounding districts as well as the southern part of the town. About 300 aircraft took part.

Bombs dropped: 1500 H.E. (150 duds or D.A.)
40000 incendiary bombs (1000 duds).

Fires: 29 major, 78 medium and 270 smaller fires.

Houses: 115 destroyed
50 severely damaged
200 medium damage
500 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 120 dead, 280 injured, 80 still buried and 600 homeless.

10 industrial concerns were hit and damaged and a gas holder destroyed.

The Siebel Aircraft Co. was slightly damaged. The railway line Halle - Kassel was interrupted. At the passenger station severe damage was caused to the tracks so that traffic could only run from and to suburban stations. Traffic was stopped for some days at the Goods Station for the same reason. Some sections of the Railway Repair Works were severely damaged causing a complete stoppage of work for an indefinite period.

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HAMBURG
CD. 1268 - Works ARP,
Nordmark

17 JANUARY
(USAAF)

The public warning was given at 1130 and the all clear at 1426 hours when about 250 aircraft made a heavy raid on the shipyards and industrial districts of Hamburg and Harburg.

Bombs dropped: 2500 H.E. (90 duds or D.A.)
26 fragmentation bombs (7 duds or D.A.)
230 oil bombs.

Casualties: In works ARP concerns: 3 dead
and 30 injured.

Severe damage was caused to the following firms:

Blohm & Voss, Steinwaerder:

Several carpets of H.E. bombs fell on the works and destroyed, inter alia, No.7 Ship Construction workshop and electrical crane installations. Heavy damage was caused to a number of workshops and the main building. The main stores, a number of docks, 2 gasometers and quay and railway installations were also seriously affected.

On No.1 and 2 works of the Deutsche Werft about 60 H.E. bombs were dropped causing damage to buildings, docks and vessels. Production at No. 2 works ceased 100% for an indefinite period. The Rhenania-Ossag Oil Co. was hit by 100 H.E. bombs (6 duds or D.A.) and 2 pump houses, a crane and pipe bridges were destroyed. The plant had already been out of action for some time.

Medium damage was caused when about 40 H.E. bombs fell on the Ebano Asphalt Co's premises in Harburg and destroyed the crude oil delivery pipe and damaged the pump house.

A number of other firms sustained damage to varying degrees.

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CD. 1264 - Works ARP,
Nordmark

24 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

Between 250 and 300 bombers carried out a medium heavy attack against the industrial installations of Hamburg, Harburg and Wilhelmsburg from 1155 to 1312 hours.

Bombs dropped: 2400 H.E. (8 duds or D.A.)
some oil bombs (4 duds).

Casualties: 11 dead and 20 injured. (These casualties occurred in industrial concerns only.)

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According to the Hamburger Zeitung of 26th February, 1945 it was officially stated that casualties amounted to "167 dead and a number of injured."

On the whole damage caused was comparatively light. Of 13 concerns reported as hit, 4 suffered severe, 6 medium and 3 slight damage. About 80 bombs (4 duds) fell on the Hansa Hill in Hamburg-Neuhof and destroyed the distillation and extraction plant. At the Olex tank installations in Wilhelmsburg about 28 bombs (3 duds or D.A.) were dropped, destroying 2 tanks, one of which was empty and damaging 7 others.

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CD. 1268 - Works ARP,
Nordmark
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5 MARCH
(USAAF)

Industrial installations in Harburg, Wilhelmsburg and the harbour districts were attacked between 1019 and 1033 hours by about 250 bombers.

Bombs dropped: 1800 H.E.
500 Incendiary bombs.

Houses: 23 destroyed
29 severely damaged
14 medium damage
104 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 56 dead and 42 injured.

About 30 H.E. bombs fell on the Ebanco Asphalt Co's premises in Harburg and damaged the boiler house, loading ramp, the tinsmiths' workshop and a partly filled 12000 ton tank. The Rhenania-Ossag Oil plant in Harburg was hit by about 25 H.E. bombs which damaged 4 tanks and an air raid shelter. A production loss of 100% for 8 days ensued. Three bridges (1 each autobahn, rail and street) were damaged and considerable damage was done at the South Shunting Station.

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7/8 MARCH

A medium heavy raid was carried out between 2200 and 2215 hours and was directed against Harburg.

Bombs dropped: 80 mines
2300 H.E. bombs
3000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: 37 major, 9 medium fires.

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Houses: 457 destroyed
176 severely damaged
234 medium damage
421 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 179 dead, 110 injured and 60 missing.
About 5500 were rendered homeless.

Among the properties destroyed were 11 industrial concerns, all workshops and 20 garages at the Unverzagt Barracks and other military installations.

Two more industrial concerns, the Hermann Goering Barracks and the garrison administration were severely damaged.

The platforms and tracks at the Harburg Central Station were severely damaged.

About 100 H.E. bombs (6 duds or D.A.) fell on the Ebano Asphalt works in Harburg and destroyed 2 tanks partially filled with crude oil, a pumping station and water purification plant.

Buildings damaged included the administrative building and laboratory and the railway sidings were also damaged.

On the Phoenix Rubber works in Harburg about 12-14 H.E. bombs and a mine were dropped which destroyed the laboratory and severely damaged a transformer station, machinery, material stores and an air raid shelter in which 44 were killed and 3 injured.

At the Harburg Oil Works of Brinkmann & Mergell a tank with 1800 tons of oil was destroyed. Rhenania-Ossag was also severely damaged by a large number of H.E. bombs.

The paraffin extraction plant No.2 was destroyed and the distillation plant was hit twice and severely damaged.

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Nordmark
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Staff

8/9 MARCH

Hamburg harbour, Altona and Bahrenfeld were mainly affected when 150 to 200 bombers carried out a medium heavy attack between 2115 and 2140 hours.

Bombs dropped: 3 mines
1800 H.E. bombs
3000 incendiary bombs
32 marker bombs.

Houses: 86 destroyed
70 severely damaged
65 medium damage
183 slightly damaged.

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Casualties: 55 dead, 82 injured and 43 buried.

In all 5 Works ARP concerns were severely damaged, 24 sustained medium and 27 slight damage. At Blohm & Voss a 75 ton floating crane was sunk and severe damage was caused to a number of workshops and plant.

A total of 35 industrial firms were hit and damage was also caused to suburban railway stations and installations.

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CD. 1265 - Works ARP,
Nordmark

11 MARCH
(USAAF)

A heavy raid by about 800 bombers took place between 1219 and 1349 hours, the main target areas being the harbour, St. Pauli, the town centre and Wilhelmsburg.

Bombs dropped: 6200 H.E. (210 duds or D.A.)
3500 incendiary bombs
1200 oil bombs.

Houses: 122 destroyed
148 severely damaged
95 medium damage
254 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 24 dead and 3 injured.

Damage was caused to 35 concerns. In 12 cases it was severe, in 11 medium and in 12 slight. Blohm & Voss was hit by 150 H.E. (4 duds or D.A.) destroying, inter alia, a tools store, a 250 ton crane and a 3000 cu. mtre. gas container.

A number of workshops and the oxygen and hydrogen plant were severely damaged and 3 U-boats were also damaged.

A number of ships in dock at the Howaldt Works were sunk, including a U-boat and lifting tackle which capsized.

At the Olex tank installations 14 tanks were destroyed by 16 H.E. bombs.

In another tank which was damaged about 700 tons of lubricating oil and 11000 tons of top residue were lost.

A major fire was started in the Central Station building and several other stations and installations were affected.

The firm of H.C. Stuelcken Sohn was hit by about 50 H.E. and 60 incendiary bombs, destroying the electrical workshop and a number

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of offices in the administrative building. Severe damage was also done to the machine shop, welding shop and No. 2 power unit. Gas, water and power supplies as well as telephones, teleprinter and warning systems all failed.

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CD. 1268 - Works ARP,
Nordmark
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20 MARCH
(USAAF)

Between 1541 and 1654 hours a heavy attack was made by some 400 aircraft in several waves and with strong fighter support. The town centre, harbour, Bahrenfeld and Wilhelmsburg were the districts mainly affected. Further aircraft visited Heide.

Bombs dropped: 2800 H.E. (45 duds or D.A.)
500 oil and phosphorous bombs
35 marker bombs.

Houses: 108 destroyed
185 severely damaged
167 medium damage
260 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 90 dead, 129 injured, 48 buried
and 2200 homeless.

Two firms were destroyed, Johann Oelkers in Wilhelmsburg and Palmolive Binder & Ketels in Hamburg, which latter was destroyed by fire.

Blohm & Voss suffered severe damage from 70 - 75 H.E. bombs. Among the buildings hit were the chief administrative building, the technical testing station and the electro-welding department. In addition to the above firms destroyed or damaged there were 8 suffered severe, 10 medium and 11 slight damage.

In the harbour a mine-sweeper and 2 other vessels were sunk and 2 U-boats damaged. Damage was also caused to a number of stations and the permanent way was damaged and a bridge over the Elbe rendered unusable.

At Heide about 1000 H.E. bombs were dropped on the Mineral Oil Works, causing severe damage, several major fires, heavy damage to machinery and a temporary loss in production.

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Nordmark

21/22 MARCH

Some 200 aircraft made a medium heavy attack on the industrial quarter of Harburg and Wilhelmsburg between 0334 and 0440 hours.

Bombs dropped: 1600 H.E. (90 duds or D.A.)
2500 incendiary bombs
500 oil bombs
60 marker bombs.

Casualties: 57 dead, 27 injured. (Most of the dead were sheltering in a public shelter in the German Mineral Oil complex in Wilhelmsburg.)

The whole plant of the German Mineral Oil Co. was severely damaged by some 150 H.E. bombs of which 7 were duds or D.A. The pure naphthalin plant, the boiler house and 4 tanks were destroyed when a large number of H.E. bombs fell on the Hanseatic Tar Products factory of Haltermann & Co. in Wilhelmsburg. At the Rhenania-Ossag Oil works in Wilhelmsburg the whole tank installation, administrative building, stores, transformer station and workshops were destroyed by a large number of H.E. bombs.

HAMBURG
As above

30 MARCH
(USAAF)

The industrial quarter of Hamburg and Wilhelmsburg was the centre of this raid by about 5-600 bombers between 1318 and 1355 hours.

Bombs dropped: 4200 H.E. (85 duds or D.A.)
1800 oil bombs
45 marker bombs.

Casualties: 8 dead and 31 injured (all at the Deutsche Werft).

Blohm & Voss and the Deutsche Werft were the chief targets hit. About 21 H.E. and some oil bombs destroyed a pumping station at Blohm & Voss where severe damage was also done to the forge, No.1 Machine factory and the quay wall. The Deutsche Werft was hit by some 70 H.E. (1 dud or D.A.) and 50 oil bombs, destroying a ship construction workshop and the boiler house. Two other ship construction workshops were severely damaged. Two U-boats were sunk and 4 capsized. At Eurotank considerable damage was caused.

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Inter alia, 20 tank trucks were destroyed and 8 severely damaged. 70% of the pipe network was destroyed and 32000 tons of oil residue burnt. Production ceased completely for an indefinite period. There were 5 other concerns severely damaged, 11 sustained medium and 14 slight damage. Hamburg-Altona station suffered severe damage to the lines and the locomotive sheds were hit. A bridge over the Billhafen was severely hit and partially collapsed.

HAMBURG
CD. 1266 - Works ARP,
Nordmark
CD. 1268 - -do-

31 MARCH

Several waves, in all 250 - 300 aircraft, bombed the industrial quarters in the harbour and Wilhelmsburg between 0819 and 0935 hours.

Bombs dropped:

2250 H.E.
300 oil bombs
40 marker bombs.

12 concerns received severe, 8 medium and 19 slight damage. At the Deutsche Werft in Finkenwaerder 30 H.E. (3 duds or D.A.) and 20 oil bombs destroyed the main stores, oxygen and galvanising plants. At No.1 Works, Reiherstieg, the compressed air plant was destroyed. Buildings and workshops and the material stores, where much damage was done to machines and fittings, were also destroyed or damaged at the Howaldt Works, where 24 H.E. bombs fell. Noble and Thoerl was also hit by 8 H.E. bombs destroying plant and causing 100% loss in production.

HAMBURG
CD. 1268 - Works ARP,
Nordmark

4/5 APRIL

Harburg, Wilhelmsburg and the harbour were the areas mainly affected when about 200 aircraft attacked between 2159 and 2304 hours.

Bombs dropped:

some mines
1100 H.E. bombs
800 incendiary bombs
some oil bombs
35 marker bombs.

Casualties:

13 dead and 19 injured. Of these 12 dead and 17 injured were in a public shelter on the premises of Renck & Sachsenberg in Harburg.

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At the above firm 2 ships construction halls were severely damaged.

At the Ebano Asphalt works a large number of H.E. bombs (20 duds or D.A.) destroyed the distillation pumping house and pumps and loading and unloading ramps. The administrative building, repair workshops, boiler house, 3 tanks and railway sidings were severely damaged.

Some 80 - 100 H.E. (10 duds or D.A.) fell on the Noble and Thoerl works and destroyed the copper forge, testing laboratory and stores and severely damaged the boiler house and transformer station.

HAMBURG

8a 2297 - Chief, Orpo.
CD. 1264 - Works ARP,
Nordmark
CD. 1268 - - do -
28X - 11 - LW. Ops.
Staff

8/9 APRIL

Large areas of the town were affected when 250 aircraft raided between 2220 and 2245 hours. The harbour, Altona, Harburg and Wilhelmsburg were mainly hit.

Bombs dropped:

1800 H.E. bombs (90 duds or D.A.)
500 oil bombs
some incendiary bombs.

Houses:

112 destroyed
119 severely damaged
72 medium damage
238 slightly damaged.

Casualties:

57 dead, 96 injured and 203 buried.

Among the targets hit were Rhenania-Ossaag, Blohm & Voss, Deutsche Werft and the Hamburg Electricity Works at Neuhaef which was severely damaged. There was a partial failure also in gas and water supplies.

At Blohm & Voss about 250 H.E. and 20 incendiary bombs caused serious damage in all parts of the yard and dock installations and to a salvage vessel. Several boats were sunk, including 3 U-boats and a further 5 were damaged.

All public services failed. The shipyards of Howaldt A.G. were hit by 67 H.E. (5 duds) bombs and widespread damage was caused to various departments. One U-boat was severely damaged and two capsized while two floating docks were sunk. The U-boat bunker was also severely damaged.

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HAMBURG
CD. 1264 - Works ARP,
Nordmark

9 APRIL

The Elb tunnel was closed to traffic and there was severe damage to transport installations generally.

Some 50 H.E., 35 incendiary bombs and 12 duds fell on the Stuelcken Yards, causing severe damage to various stores, boiler forge, metal workshops and machine works.

This raid took place from 1740 hours and although only small in terms of aircraft engaged (60) damage caused was not negligible.

Bombs dropped: 80 H.E. (50 of heavy calibre).

Casualties: 27 dead, 133 injured.

The boiler house and workshops of the German American Petroleum Co. were destroyed. Several tanks and pipelines of the Haltermann Oil Co. were partially destroyed. Fire broke out in tanks of the Rhenania-Ossag.

The U-boat pens Nos. 1, 2 & 5 at the Deutsche Werft in Finkenwaerder were pierced by several H.E. bombs and by 1120 hours on 10th April 15 dead had been recovered and 89 injured. A shelter in Finkenwaerder was also completely destroyed by H.E. bombs and by 0715 hours on 10th April 12 dead and 44 injured had been recovered.

This number was expected to rise as a number of persons were thought still to be trapped.

HANAU
E. 970 - LGK XIV

6/7 JANUARY

The raid lasted from 1855 to 1920 hours and affected primarily the railway installations and harbour area. Area fires developed in the inner town. Telephone communications broke down. Several thousand H.E. and about 80000 incendiary bombs were dropped and severe damage to buildings was caused and 6 industrial concerns, including Dunlops, where fires were started, and several public service installations were hit.

Casualties amounted to 50 dead, 130 injured and some 1500 homeless.

Railway traffic was suspended.

HANAU
As above

18/19 MARCH

A heavy raid was made by about 150 to 200 aircraft, causing great devastation. The town centre was wiped out. The raid lasted from 0434 to 0444 hours.

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R E S T R I C T E D

Bombs dropped: 60 mines
8000 H.E. bombs
5000 oil bombs
200000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: There were several area fires causing fire storms and about 600 major fires.

Casualties: Loss of life and injuries could not be assessed. Many were buried and about 20000 rendered homeless.

HANOVER
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

14 MARCH
(USAAF)

About 350 aircraft of the 3rd Bomber Division attacked mainly transport installations from a height of 6-7000 metres between 1431 and 1502 hours. The central and southern parts of the town were mostly affected.

Bombs dropped: 2500 H.E.
20000 incendiary bombs.

Houses: 86 destroyed and 250 damaged.

Fires: Numerous major and medium fires.

Casualties: 50 dead and 135 injured.

Of industrial concerns hit, Daimler-Benz, Koerting Machine Co., Hanomag and Venus Transport Co. are mentioned.

The Wuelfel Iron Works suffered severe damage to buildings and the casting bay was destroyed. Power was cut off but damage to machinery was slight. Several fires were started at the Linden works of the United Light Metal Co. and severe damage to buildings was caused. The rolling mill and press moulding shop were severely damaged and power failed.

The works was brought to a standstill.

Wuelfel, Linden and Seelze stations were hit and severe damage done to the permanent way and buildings. At Seelze an ammunition train was hit and several trucks exploded.

HANOVER
As above and
CD. 1283 - Works ARP,
Niedersachsen

25 MARCH

About 200 aircraft attacked mainly the districts of Linden, Doehren, the north, east and central sectors and the Old Town between 0944 and 0952 hours from a height of 5-7000 metres.

Bombs dropped: 19 mines
some 1000 H.E.
280000 incendiary bombs.

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Houses: 900 destroyed
555 severely damaged
116 medium damage
numerous slightly damaged.

Casualties: 70 dead, 450 injured and 35000
homeless.

At the Vahrenwalderstrasse works of Continental Rubber about 40 H.E. bombs of all calibres and innumerable incendiary and phosphorous bombs caused 14 major as well as many medium and smaller fires. 90% of the buildings were destroyed and loss of production was 100% for the time being.

It was referred to as the heaviest attack to date.

The stores in the Aesternstrasse were completely destroyed by fire. At the Deutsche Edelstahl works several mines, H.E. and a large number of incendiary bombs severely damaged the rolling and iron mills and the transformer house, bringing production to a standstill.

HANOVER

As above and
8a 2297 - Chief, Orpo.

28 MARCH
(USAAF)

Some 350 - 400 bombers attacked for 40 minutes from 1045 to 1125 hours affecting the whole town area.

Bombs dropped: 3200 H.E. (85 duds or D.A.)
50000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: 37 major, 70 medium & 76 smaller fires.

Casualties: 23 dead, several injured and about 100 buried.

The Town Hall and government buildings were badly hit. Damage was also caused at Hanomag, Light Metal Works, Niedersachsen Machine works and the Deutsche Edelstahlwerke.

At the latter, where 18 H.E. (2 duds or D.A.), a mine and several hundred incendiary bombs were dropped, severe to medium damage was inflicted on machinery in all the production halls which were hit. Unimportant damage was caused to the Hanomag works, although hit by 14 H.E. (1 dud) and 1000-1500 incendiary bombs. Fires were all put out by the works fire brigade.

Damage was caused to the permanent way at the main goods station and Linden.

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HELIGOLAND
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

18 APRIL

Some 750 bombers with fighter escort attacked the island from 1220 to 1347 hours. The number of bombs dropped is not mentioned but all buildings on the island are reported as destroyed as well as oil bunkers. All radar and plotting instruments were put out of action and the airfield, with all installations, destroyed. All ships and boats in the harbour were sunk and Flak was rendered 50% inoperative. Casualties amounted to 50 dead and 150 injured.

HILDESHEIM
As above and
CD. 1283 - Works ARP,
Niedersachsen

22 MARCH

At about 1311 hours 3 strong bomber formations, about 200 aircraft, carried out a raid on Hildesheim, mainly directed against the Central and Goods Stations. At the Central Station no traffic to or from any direction was possible. Area fires burnt in the old town and telephone communications were completely cut off. Light and water supplies failed to a great extent. Nearly all works were hit. The Wetzell Rubber Co. was badly hit. At the V.D.M. Semi-finished Products Co. the sand drier was badly damaged and considerable structural damage was caused to the model building shop. The installations workshop was destroyed by a mine and the tool store was burnt out. Also destroyed by fire were the town hall and the cathedral. About half the town area was destroyed. The gas works was destroyed and a barracks and the garrison administration were burnt out. Casualties were not known but some 40000 were rendered homeless.

HUELS
28X - 11 - LW. Ops.
Staff

8 MARCH
(USLAF)

This raid took place between 1418 and 1432 hours.

Bombs dropped: 1050 H.E.
1000 incendiary bombs
400 phosphorous bombs.

Houses: 13 destroyed
18 severely damaged
25 medium damage.

Casualties: 4 dead, 28 injured.

The Chemical Works of I.G. Farben were hit.

RESTRICTED

R E S T R I C T E D

JENA
As above

19 MARCH
(USAAF)

About 150 - 200 aircraft of a force of 450 of No. 3 Bomber Division attacked between 1327 and 1410 hours from a height of 6-7000 metres. The main targets were the inner town and the Zeiss main works.

Bombs dropped: 800 H.E.
numerous incendiary and oil bombs.

Houses: 250 destroyed and several hundred damaged.

Casualties: 150 dead, numerous injured and about 1200 homeless.

A major fire was started at the Zeiss main works and the only damage to railway installations was to 600 metres of track on the Berlin - Munich line.

KASSEL
As above

8/9 MARCH

A heavy raid was made by nearly 300 aircraft between 2120 and 2138 hours, affecting the whole town area except the north.

Bombs dropped: 1200 H.E.
300000 incendiary bombs.

Casualties: 25 dead, 50 injured and some 50 buried.
20-30000 were rendered homeless.

More than $\frac{1}{3}$ of the remaining living accommodation was destroyed.

9 industrial concerns, including Henschel Aero-engine Co. and Grede Coach works, were heavily damaged.

Two major fires occurred at the Railway Repair Works and the Railway Regional offices were badly damaged.

KASSEL
As above

9 MARCH

A medium attack of between 3 and 400 aircraft developed from 1015 to 1035 hours.

Bombs dropped: 1200 H.E.
100000 incendiary bombs.

Casualties: 54 dead, a large number injured and 15 buried.

Nos. I, II and III works of the Henschel Aero-engine works were hit.

There was a total breakdown in communications rendering reporting very difficult.

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KIEL
E. 2879 - Summary,
Pol. Sitreps.
CD. 1268 - Works ARP,
Nordmark.
28X - 11 - LW. Ops.
Staff

11 MARCH
(USAAF)

This, the 86th raid on Kiel, took place between 1316 and 1331 hours. About 200 aircraft took part. The main weight of the attack was launched against the harbour installations and the industrial quarter.

Bombs dropped: 12 mines
2053 H.E. (65 duds)
1000 incendiary bombs
6000 oil bombs (60 duds).

Houses: 122 destroyed
150 severely damaged
200 medium damage
500 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 12 dead, 25 injured and 3000 homeless.

Anschuetz & Co. suffered damage by fires which were fought by the works fire brigade. The Fr. Krupp Germania Yards were hit by 1 H.E. and 46 oil bombs (7 duds) which destroyed the apprentices' workshop and damaged, inter alia, the tool stores and mechanical workshop. The Naval Arsenal was also hit. Medium damage was caused to nearly all installations at the Holtenau airfield by 7 mines, 61 H.E. and 250 oil bombs. Medium damage was also caused to railway installations.

KIEL
As above and
CD. 1266(a) - Works ARP,
Nordmark

3 and 4 APRIL
(USAAF)

The following particulars refer to the 2 raids which took place between 1639 and 1749 hours and 1020 and 1055 hours respectively. 1200 aircraft are said to have taken part in the first raid and 800 in the second.

Bombs dropped: 7 mines
9000 H.E. (130 duds)
50 oil bombs.

Houses: 623 destroyed
522 severely damaged
380 medium damage
2238 slightly damaged

Fires: 3 major, 18 medium & 16 smaller fires.

Casualties: 414 dead, 119 injured and 12000 homeless.

Damage to the Deutsche Werke was caused by H.E. and included renewed severe damage to the power station and numerous instances of damage to the works sidings of the railway.

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Several workshops sustained severe damage as well as stores and offices. Several warships were either severely damaged or sunk.

The North wing of the main administrative building of the Germania Shipyards and the acetylene plant were destroyed as well as a large number of workshops and other buildings destroyed or severely damaged. Quayside installations such as cranes and floating docks were also destroyed. In all about 145 H.E. bombs fell on the yards. The main building and the workshops building of Anschuetz & Co. were severely damaged.

The gas and electricity works in Wik were badly hit as well as railway buildings and rolling stock at the Central Station and the West Goods Station.

A number of vessels in the harbour were sunk and the Hapag steamer "New York" was severely damaged. The U-boat depot ship "Daressalem" sustained slight damage. Some damage was also done to naval barracks and stores.

According to a supplementary report dated 4th April to the I.W. Ops. Staff report, some 10000 mines and H.E. bombs and numerous incendiary bombs were dropped on the 3rd April. Between 3 and 400 houses were destroyed, 500 severely damaged and 1500 - 2000 slightly damaged. Power and gas supplies failed and casualties were given as 100 dead, a large number injured and a note added that a considerable increase could be expected as an underground gallery had received several direct hits. About 6000 were rendered homeless. All traffic on the streets was temporarily impossible and all works were obliged to put 200-500 of their staff to road clearance. It is further reported in a supplementary report dated 5th April that 9 mines and 28 H.E. bombs were dropped on the airfield at Kiel-Holtenau putting the met., radio and teleprinter services out of action. The H.Q., administration and several hangars were damaged.

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In the evening report of 4th April from the same source, several mines and about 7000 H.E. are said to have been dropped on 4th April. In the 3rd supplementary report of 6th April houses damaged are shown as 150 destroyed, 100 each severe and medium damage and 500 slightly damaged. No report on casualties had been received other than that about 2500 had been rendered homeless. At the Naval Arsenal the gunnery workshops and stores and the torpedo workshops were destroyed.

KIEL
as above

9/10 APRIL

This raid was made in the evening of 9th April from 2226 to 2248 hours by about 300 bombers.

Bombs dropped:

232 mines (2 duds)
4471 H.E. (225 duds)
100 oil bombs.

Houses:

775 destroyed
685 severely damaged
585 medium damage
170 slightly damaged.

Fires:

9 major (8 of which were at the Deutsche Werke), 22 medium (10 of which were at the Deutsche Werke) and 13 smaller fires.

Casualties:

82 dead, 73 injured and 20000 were rendered homeless.

At the Deutsche Werke 19 factory buildings and workshops, designing office, administrative building, power station, electrical workshop, ships carpentry, machine workshops and No. 9 floating dock suffered severe damage. Several warships were sunk and many buildings were destroyed by fire. Several buildings including the armour-plating workshop of the Germania Shipyards were either destroyed or severely damaged by mines and H.E. bombs. Anschuetz & Co. Fine Mechanics Works was also a total loss as well as Hagenuk Instruments, Holtenauerstrasse premises. 9 vessels were sunk and 4 damaged in the harbour and a number of army/naval and police buildings and installations were destroyed or damaged.

KIEL
as above

13/14 APRIL

This raid lasted from 2322 to 2345 hours.

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R E S T R I C T E D

Bombs dropped: 28 mines
681 H.E. (96 duds)
60 incendiary bombs.

Houses: 196 destroyed
130 severe to medium damage
1000 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 90 dead, 41 injured and 2700
homeless.

No further particulars are
available.

LADBERGEN
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

3/4 MARCH

At about 2120 hours some 250
aircraft of No. 5 Group
penetrated and attacked the
Mittelland Canal from about 2155
to 2210 hours from a height of
2800 - 4600 metres. About 1700
H.E. bombs (many D.A.) were
dropped and caused damage to the
lock at Ladbergen, resulting in
a drop of the water level.

LEIPZIG
As above and
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff

27 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

This raid was carried out by a
force of some 500 - 600 aircraft
which penetrated between 1150 and
1530 hours. The raid took place
from 1330 to 1407 hours and
affected mainly the town centre
and south of the town.

Bombs dropped: 2100 H.E.
2200 oil bombs.

Fires: 140 major, 458 medium and smaller
fires.

Houses: 209 destroyed
177 severely damaged
214 medium damage.

Casualties: 137 dead, 186 injured and 161
still buried.

Severe damage was caused to
railway installations. Fire
broke out in the Express Goods
department and rolling stock.
4 Signals boxes were damaged and
passenger traffic was stopped.

LEIPZIG
8a 2297 - Chief, Orpo.
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

6 APRIL
(USIAF)

The town centre, Klein-Zschocher,
Leutsch, Plagwitz, Moeckern and
Anger-Crottendorf were mainly hit
in this heavy raid between 1004
and 1027 hours.
Industrial damage was slight.
About 500 aircraft took part.

Bombs dropped: 1 mine
1840 H.E. (160 duds or D.A.)
45000 incendiary bombs
65 phosphorous bombs (18 duds or
D.A.)
150 oil bombs
480 jet incendiary bombs.

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Fires: 60 major, 450 medium & smaller fires.

Houses: 163 destroyed
134 severely damaged
127 medium damage
463 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 150 dead, 303 injured, 137 buried and some 20000 homeless.

The railway line to Merseburg was interrupted and very severe damage was done to tracks and buildings at the Central Station. Some 100 goods trucks and coaches were destroyed and about 300 damaged. Water supplies were severely damaged and gas for industry was only partially maintained. Electricity was only available in some parts of the town.

LINZ
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

2 MARCH
(USAAF)

About 300 bombers with fighter escort attacked between 1308 and 1351 hours and hit mainly industrial targets. Numerous H.E. and incendiary bombs were dropped and as a result the Nitrogen Works suffered severe damage, from which a drop in production of 100% for an indefinite period ensued. At the foundry of the Hermann-Goering Works the coking plant, power station, filter installations, benzol washing plant, gas mains and factory building No. 3 were hit. Medium damage was caused to the railway permanent way and the Steyregger Bridge over the Danube was hit, damaging the iron work in the left bank and rendering the bridge unusable.

LUDWIGSHAFEN
E. 970 - LGK XIV.
E. 2437 - Translation of
Ind. & Handels-
kammer, Pfalz,
Reports.

2/3 JANUARY

The raid took place between 1842 and 1900 hours and was made by 100 - 150 aircraft.

Bombs dropped: 20 mines
1370 H.E.
34000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: 37 major, 97 medium & 557 smaller fires.

Houses: 103 destroyed
71 severely damaged
73 medium damage
785 slightly damaged.

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R E S T R I C T E D

Casualties: 4 dead, 50 injured and 1800 homeless.

The Ludwigshafen and Oppau I.G. Farben works were severely hit by about 300 H.E. and 10000 incendiary bombs. The Central and Shunting stations were also badly hit causing damage to the permanent way and suspending traffic. Many goods trucks were burnt out. Power supplies were temporarily interrupted due to damage to the high and low tension network. The administrative buildings of the gas works were totally destroyed as was also one gasometer.

LUDWIGSHAFEN

As above

5 JANUARY

A medium heavy attack developed, affecting the town centre, Central Station and neighbourhood, Nordfriesenheim, Mundenheim and Oppau.

Bombs dropped: 1440 H.E. (120 duds & D.A., the majority D.A.)

Fires: 2 major, 36 medium & numerous smaller fires.

Houses: 138 destroyed
205 severely damaged
287 medium damage
2090 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 265 dead, 172 injured & 3500 homeless.

At I.G. Farben in Ludwigshafen and Oppau 1 major, 16 medium and a number of smaller fires were started but there was no additional loss in production. The firms of Kroll A.G. and Bengfinster chemical works suffered considerable damage and Giulini only slight. The railway was hit by 100 H.E. and much damage was caused to the permanent way, cutting the lines to Mundenheim, Oggersheim and Mannheim. Electricity and water supplies failed and Police H.Q. was severely damaged.

LUDWIGSHAFEN

As above

21 JANUARY

About 500 bombers and 200-300 fighters penetrated the Mannheim-Ludwigshafen area and the raid on Ludwigshafen took place between 1158 and 1220 hours. The central, north and south parts of the town were mainly affected but a large number of bombs fell on open country.

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R E S T R I C T E D

Bombs dropped: 23 mines
1900 H.E. bombs
10000 incendiary bombs
250 oil bombs.

Houses: 319 destroyed
340 severely damaged
491 medium damage
numerous slightly damaged.

Fires: 1 major and 5 medium fires.

Casualties: The numbers of dead and injured
are not available but 3000 were
reported rendered homeless.

Power and water supplies failed
and railway installations were
severely damaged. About 120
H.E. bombs in the port area
caused great damage.
A number of factories were damaged
and production was interrupted,
varying from 2 days to a week.

LUDWIGSHAFEN
E. 970 - LCK XIV

1 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

About 500 Fortresses and Liberators
with 400 - 500 fighter escort
penetrated between 1045 and 1340
hours and attacked the central,
south and north districts of the
town and the suburbs of Mundenheim,
Oggersheim, Gartenstadt and
Wesenheim as well as Mannheim
(see separate report).

Bombs dropped: some 2000 H.E.
25000 incendiary bombs
1000 oil bombs.

Numerous separate fires were
started and severe damage was
caused to buildings and at I.G.
Farben in Ludwigshafen and Oppau
as well as to 2 machine and 2
other factories. Damage was
also caused to the permanent way
at the shunting station and the
approach to the Rhein bridge.
The bridge itself was undamaged.

LUDWIGSHAFEN
As above

1/2 FEBRUARY

A heavy attack took place between
1909 and 1950 hours when mines,
H.E. and incendiary bombs were
dropped on the north, south and
central sectors of the town as
well as the suburbs of Mundenheim,
Friesenheim, Rhein-Goennsheim and
Maudach. Very large fires were
started and a large number of
bombs fell on railway
installations. At the time of
the report (Morning Report) the
damage could not be assessed.

R E S T R I C T E D

LUDWIGSHAFEN

As above

1 MARCH

At 1501 the South, Central and North sectors and the suburbs of Mundenheim, Friesenheim, Rhein-Goennsheim were attacked.

Bombs dropped:

11 mines
1100 H.E.
140000 incendiary bombs.

Slight casualties only were caused and some 6000 were rendered homeless.

Severe damage was caused to houses. Industrial and transport targets were also damaged, the Central Station and the Railway Repair Works being severely hit and large fires broke out.

LUETZKENDORF

28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

14/15 MARCH

Some of the 200 bombers led by Mosquitos which penetrated to Central Germany attacked between 2200 and 2220 hours.

Bombs dropped:

numerous H.E.

Houses:

41 destroyed and many damaged and several fires in the villages of Neumarkt and Benndorf.

Fires:

Casualties:

21 dead, 45 injured and many still buried.

Wintershall A.G. Hydrogenation plant received a large number of hits.

Medium damage was caused to buildings and technical installations. A large fire burnt in the tank installations and water and power supplies broke down. The works ceased to operate for the time being.

LUETZKENDORF

As above

4/5 APRIL

This raid was made by about 150 aircraft between 0128 and 0145 hours from a height of 3400 - 5500 metres.

Bombs dropped:

Numerous H.E. and numerous incendiary bombs.

The Wintershall Hydrogenation plant suffered severe damage, 6 tanks being set on fire. Casualties are reported as slight.

LUETZKENDORF

As above

8/9 APRIL

Between 2240 and 2254 hours about 250 bombers attacked from between 5500 and 6400 metres.

No details of number of bombs dropped are given but the hydrogenation and the lubricating oil production of the Wintershall A.G. were hit and 3 oil tank installations were set on fire. Casualties were slight.

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MAGDEBURG
As above

2 MARCH
(USAAF)

Part of the force of 1100 bombers with fighter escort, which raided Dresden, Magdeburg and Chemnitz, attacked Magdeburg from 1030 to 1050 hours. It was a medium attack and the main weight fell on the districts of Buckau and Friedrichsstadt.

Bombs dropped: Some 1200 H.E. and numerous incendiary bombs.

Houses: 34 destroyed and 250 damaged.

Casualties: 12 dead, 40 injured and many trapped.

Among the public buildings hit was the cathedral. Industrial damage included the following works: Brabag (fires); Krupp-Gruson A.G.; C.W. Gube machine works; Scheffer & Buddenberg Armature works and Georg von Giesches Zinc foundry. Damage to railway installations etc. included Buckau Shunting station, where medium damage was caused to the permanent way and rolling stock, Buckau passenger station, where traffic was suspended owing to damage to the permanent way, and severe damage to the permanent way and buildings at the Elb Station. The lines to Berlin and Halberstadt were closed for a short time, due to damage to the permanent way outside the stations.

MAINZ
As above and
E. 970 - LGK XIV

27 FEBRUARY

About 300 aircraft with fighter protection attacked between 1618 and 1715 hours the whole town area, affecting mainly railway installations.

Bombs dropped: 800 mines and H.E.
1 - 200000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: Large area fires raged in the whole town area.

Severe damage was caused to the Central Station and permanent way. The South Station was burnt down. Road bridges over the Rhein were undamaged but damage was done to the footpath on the railway bridge. Telephone, light and water services failed. Casualties, at the time of the LW.Ops. Staff Report on 1st March were given as 600 dead.

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MANNHEIM
E. 970 - LGK XIV

2/3 JANUARY

This raid took place from 1830 to 1900 hours and was carried out by 200 - 300 aircraft.

Bombs dropped: 1 mine
700 H.E.
30000 incendiary bombs.

The main targets were transport and harbour installations, business houses, stores and warehouses, many of which were destroyed. A wharf and 7 ships of together 8000 tons, 3 railway and harbour railway installations and 9 permanent way installations were severely damaged. Slight damage was caused to houses and 9 medium and 20 smaller fires were started.
Casualties are not reported.

MANNHEIM
As above

20 JANUARY
(USAAF)

At about 1121 hours between 2 and 3000 H.E. bombs were dropped over the whole town area. Severe damage was caused to transport installations and the permanent way at the Waldhof station. In addition the Mannheim Engine Works, 3 chemical factories, 1 armature and 1 wire factory were severely damaged. No bridges were hit. Casualties amounted to 50 dead and numerous injured.

MANNHEIM
As above

21 JANUARY
(USAAF)

Between 1159 and 1222 hours a very heavy raid affected the whole town area.

Bombs dropped: 3000 H.E. (40 duds)
50000 incendiary bombs
200 oil bombs.

Fires: 135 major, 80 medium & 230 smaller fires.

Houses: 81 destroyed
85 severely damaged
89 medium damage.

Casualties: 4 dead, 20 injured and 4000 homeless.

Severe damage was done to 5 industrial concerns and 10 transport installations. 2 industrial concerns and 6 transport installations were damaged to a lesser degree. 30 H.E. and many incendiary bombs were dropped on the Mannheim Town airfield. The Flying Control building was destroyed by fire and the airfield was put out of commission. Water and electricity supplies failed and the permanent way on the Rhein bridge was pierced.

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MANNHEIM

As above and
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff
CD. 1200 - Daimler-
Benz

1 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

Some of the force reported under Ludwigshafen for this date attacked particularly the town centre, the eastern sector and Schwetzingen.

Bombs dropped: 800 H.E.
15000 incendiary bombs.

Houses: 51 destroyed and 300 damaged.

Fires: Numerous major fires.

Casualties: 40 dead, 30 injured and a large number buried.

Much damage was done to buildings at Brown-Boveri. The airfield at Sonthofen was also attacked with many H.E. and incendiary bombs, most of which fell outside the perimeter and only slight damage was caused. Some 60 - 70 H.E. bombs and 100 incendiary bombs fell on the Daimler-Benz works. Damage was done to a number of buildings, some of which, with stores, were destroyed. The firm of Lanz was also severely damaged. Only slight damage was reported to railway tracks and buildings with some lines temporarily blocked.

MANNHEIM

E. 970 - LCK XIV

1/2 FEBRUARY

About 500 aircraft attacked between 1912 and 1936 hours. A heavy attack developed in the section between the Rhein and the Neckar. About 800 - 1000 H.E. bombs and mines were dropped. Both carriage ways of the Rhein bridge on the Ludwigshafen side were hit and it was closed to all traffic. A 100000 volt cable was damaged and water and electricity supplies failed and telephone communications also.

MANNHEIM

As above and
28X - 11- LW.Ops.
Staff

1 MARCH

A heavy terror raid was made by 300 4 engined aircraft and 50 Marauders between 1505 and 1540 hours. It is referred to as the heaviest terror raid to date on the whole town area, particularly the centre.

Bombs dropped: 40 mines
3000 H.E. (80 duds)
250000-300000 incendiary bombs.

Houses: 222 destroyed
260 severely damaged
262 medium damage
numerous slightly damaged.

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Casualties: 15 dead, 205 injured and 15000 homeless.

Apart from the damage done to house property, much damage was also done to industrial, military and transport targets. The Central, Goods and Shunting stations were very severely hit, causing great damage to rolling stock, buildings and the permanent way. The footway on the Rhein bridge was damaged but traffic was not hindered. Large fires were started and water and electricity supplies failed.

There were numerous major fires and fire storms occurred in the town centre. The little remaining living accommodation was almost completely destroyed.

MISBURG
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

15/16 MARCH

This raid was made by about 250 bombers between 2108 and 2140 hours. It is referred to as the heaviest to date.

Bombs dropped : 3000 H.E.
26000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: Area fires, 5 major, 1 medium and numerous smaller fires.

Houses: 104 destroyed
27 severely damaged
6 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 7 dead, 12 injured and 3000 homeless.

All factories in Misburg were hit. At Deurag fires were started and 10000 cu.mtrs. of crude oil were lost.

Both the Hanover and the North German Portland Cement works were a total loss.

Electricity supplies failed and severe damage was caused to canal and railway bridges at the goods station and the harbour.

MOOSBIERBAUM
as above

1 MARCH
(USAAF)

Between 1040 and 1620 hours 600 bombers with fighter escort penetrated to attack Moosbierbaum, Marburg (Maribor), Klagenfurt and Villach.

From 1108 to 1515 hours the raid on Moosbierbaum took place in 14 waves.

Bombs dropped: 2600 H.E., of which about 600 fell on the works where medium damage was caused and 100% drop in production for an indefinite period ensued.

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MUENSTER
As above

9 MARCH
(USAAF)

About 150 aircraft attacked transport installations from 0952 to 0957 hours.

Bombs dropped:

2350 H.E.
12000 incendiary bombs
200 phosphorous bombs.

Houses:

31 destroyed and 91 severely damaged.

All lines at the Goods station were destroyed and the Central Station was hit. Water and power supplies failed.

MUENSTER
As above

23 MARCH
(USAAF)

Between 1050 and 1128 hours some of a force of 1100 bombers with fighter escort attacked mainly transport installations, affecting the town from the North to South in the neighbourhood of Hilstrup.

Bombs dropped:

3000 H.E.
15000 incendiary bombs.

Fires:

6 medium fires.

Houses:

84 destroyed and 121 damaged.

One industrial concern was hit and severe damage was caused to transport installations.

MUNICH
E. 983 - Pol.Pres.

7/8 JANUARY

Two separate attacks took place, the first from 2025 to 2055 hours and the second from 2219 to 2255 hours. The first was made by 250 4 engined bombers and 100 fighter-bombers, the second by 250 4 engined bombers. Recognised types were: Liberators, Lancasters, Lightnings and Mosquitos. The Town Centre, Schwabing, Neuhausen, the South and East parts of the town were mainly affected.

Bombs dropped:

80 mines (2 duds)
1040 H.E. (129 duds)
400000 incendiary bombs
585 flares
240 marker bombs.

Casualties:

410 dead, 984 injured and 70000 homeless.

Houses:

979 destroyed
545 severely damaged
828 medium damage
1006 slightly damaged.

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Damage to industry included the following:
BMW-Allach (5 hangars and oil store); Osram; Daimler-Benz suffered the total loss of some departments. Damage to a lesser degree resulted to a number of firms among which were Siemens & Halske Telephone works and the Freundorfer Chemical Co. Considerable damage by H.E. and incendiary bombs was caused to a number of railway stations, buildings, permanent way and repair workshops. The tramway system was brought very nearly to a complete standstill. A large number of police and military buildings and installations was severely damaged or destroyed. A total of 4001 buildings were either destroyed or damaged. Two aircraft were shot down.

MUNICH
As above

25 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

This raid which lasted one hour and four minutes from the time of the first bombfall at 1130 hours was carried out by about 1100 bombers and fighters and was aimed chiefly at railway installations at the Central Station, the East Station, the adjacent residential areas and the inner town.

Bombs dropped: 5-6000 H.E. (101 duds)
250000 incendiary bombs, some with explosive heads
300 incendiary packets
125 day marker bombs
About 20000 leaflets were also dropped.

Houses: 209 destroyed
173 severely damaged
353 medium damage
296 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 259 dead, 225 injured and 20-25000 homeless.

Although 25 factories were damaged or destroyed, few were of prime military importance. The boiler house was destroyed and the rolling and mixing plants of the Metzeler Rubber Works were heavily damaged.

Of the 5 major water mains only one remained usable and due to damage to the electricity supply cables Feldmoching, Pasing, Ludwigsfeld and rail installations between Pasing and Laim were without power.

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Railway buildings in the Arnulfstrasse suffered considerable damage and Laim station was burnt out. At East station three maintenance and administrative buildings and 3 goods sheds were burnt down. Traffic to and from Munich was dealt with at outer stations.

Several rail bridges were destroyed or rendered unusable and about 350 locomotives and coaches were destroyed or damaged. An ammunition train at East Station was hit and 2 trucks were destroyed and 5 damaged. Two aircraft are reported shot down.

MUNICH
As above

9 APRIL
(USAAF)

In a 26 minute raid about 300 aircraft out of some 1000 bombers and fighters which penetrated the area carried out an attack mainly against military installations and the airfield at Riem.

Bombs dropped: 160 H.E. (14 duds)
5000 fragmentation bombs (85 duds)
15000 incendiary bombs
30 smoke marker bombs.

Houses: 3 destroyed
2 severely damaged
14 medium damage
76 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 50 dead, 64 injured and 30 homeless.

At Riem airfield the main building, Hangar 5 and Nos I and II construction departments as well as 4 huts were destroyed. The taxiing area was very severely damaged and only a limited amount of flying could take place. Several turbo-fighters were damaged in hangars and on the field. In all 1 Ar. 96, 1 Ar. 234, 2 Me. 262 and 1 He.111 were destroyed and 20 aircraft (types not reported) were damaged.

The Initial Flying Technical School in the Schleissheimerstrasse was also hit, destroying 13 barrack huts and damaging a further 3.

According to Flak reports 12 aircraft were shot down in the greater Munich area, 4 being in the town area.

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NEUMUENSTER
CD. 1268 -- Works ARP,
Nordmark

13 APRIL

About 300 aircraft (bombers) attacked the town between 1525 and 1548 hours and dropped some 2000 250 - 500 lb bombs. The Land & Seeleichtbau, manufacturing airframes, was hit.

NORDHAUSEN
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

3 APRIL

A force of about 150 aircraft attacked from a height of 4-5000 metres between 1610 and 1630 hours. The main targets were the inner town and railway installations.

Bombs dropped: 200 H.E.

For effects of this and the raid of 4th April, please see report on the latter.

NORDHAUSEN
As above

4 APRIL

A force of approximately 150 aircraft penetrated to attack transport targets in the Erfurt-Nordhausen area. The lower and middle town of Nordhausen was reported on 6th April as destroyed and fire was spreading to the western parts of the town. Some 3000 houses were destroyed or damaged and 30 works were badly hit. Much damage was also done to transport installations and casualties amounted to 8000 dead.

NUREMBERG
E. 1320 - Unknown.

2/3 JANUARY

This raid was undertaken by some 1000 4 engined aircraft with fighter protection.

Bombs dropped: about 100 mines } (423 duds)
" 6000 H.E. }
" 100000 incendiary bombs,
mainly with explosive heads.

Houses: 4553 destroyed
2047 severely damaged
2993 medium damage
7500 (estimated) slightly damaged.

Casualties: 1794 dead, 3333 injured and
100000 homeless.

No details of actual damage to industrial targets are available but numbers of concerns destroyed and damaged are given as follows:
36 destroyed
66 severely damaged
36 medium damage
29 slightly damaged.

In addition 13 department stores and shops were hit, 10 being destroyed.

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NUREMBERG
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff

20 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

About 770 aircraft of 1st and 3rd Bomber Division and about 280 of the 2nd Bomber Division (the remainder broke off operations due to bad weather conditions) attacked between 1212 and 1350 hours. The centre and south of the town and Fuerth were heavily attacked.

Bombs dropped: 1000 H.E. (450 kg)
7000 fragmentation bombs (225 kg)

Houses: Heavy damage was done mainly in the south. See also under raid on 21st February.

Casualties: See under raid on 21st February.

At MAN (tank assembly) several departments as well as the central power plant were hit. An aluminium works also suffered severe damage. The gas works was severely hit and gas, light and water supplies failed throughout the town. Traffic at both the Central and Shunting stations was stopped. Severe damage was done by fire to rolling stock, including several ammunition trucks.

NUREMBERG
As above

21 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

A heavy terror raid which was centred on the central, south, west and north sectors of the town and Fuerth took place between 1119 and 1230 hours. About 400 aircraft of the 3rd, 430 of the 1st and 200 of the 2nd Bomber Divisions were despatched in that order and about 1000 actually attacked.

Bombs dropped: some 15000 H.E. (450 kg)
8000 H.E. (220 kg)
800000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: Numerous fires broke out.

Houses: 762 destroyed
(20 & 21 Feb. 670 severely damaged
together) 1180 medium damage
760 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 637 dead, about 600 injured, 550
(20 & 21 Feb. buried and 100000 homeless, of
together) which 3460 were in Fuerth.

Among industrial targets hit were: Tafel Rolling Mill; Neumeier Cable Works; A.E.G.; Triumph Works; Herkules Works; Kugelmuller; Nuremberg Screw factory.

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The gas works received renewed damage and supplies of gas, light and water failed. The main power station, Franken, was rendered useless and all telephone communications ceased. The Central Station and marshalling yards were again damaged. In all, on 20th and 21st February, 13 industrial concerns were destroyed, 36 suffered severe, 18 medium and 28 slight damage. The airfield was also hit by numerous H.E. and incendiary bombs, causing much damage to buildings as well as tools and instruments. The flarepath and tank installations were put out of action.

NUREMBERG
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

16/17 MARCH

This raid was carried out by some of the 950 bombers which attacked also Wuerzburg. A heavy attack was made on Nuremberg between 2124 and 2149 hours, affecting mainly the old town, the south-west and the neighbourhood of the Central Station.

Bombs dropped:

2500 H.E.
900000 incendiary bombs.

M&N, Siemens-Schuckert, Neumaier and the Gas Works were among the industrial targets hit. Severe damage was done to railway installations and buildings at the Central and other stations.

ORANIENBURG
As above

15 MARCH
(USAAF)

Some 1200 bombers with fighter escort attacked military and industrial targets in the Berlin area. A heavy attack was made by some of these on the town centre and Heinkel works at Oranienburg between 1459 and 1530 hours.

Bombs dropped:

numerous H.E. and incendiary bombs.

Casualties:

10 dead, many injured and 1000 homeless.

Large fires and severe damage to house property was caused in the town.

At the Heinkel works two hangars and the administrative buildings were hit.

In addition the Auer Werke, Buna works and the Oranienburg Chemical Works were among the industrial targets hit.

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ORANIENBURG
R. 227 - Translation
of Sitreps

10 APRIL
(USAAF)

Severe damage was done to the permanent way at the station and rail traffic in all directions was interrupted. A quantity of rolling stock was also destroyed or damaged.

About 450 bombers attacked the airfield and town between 1500 and 1523 hours, from a height of 6800 to 7600 metres. Details of the bomb load, damage to houses and casualties are not given but at the airfield the Repair Hangar was severely damaged and all other hangars and airfield control were destroyed. The runways were severely hit and power and water supplies were cut. In the town one workshop of Heinkel was hit. Klinker Works and the main Ordnance Department as well as buildings of the Waffen-SS were damaged. Damage was caused to buildings in the new town and the Berlin - Stralsund railway line was cut.

OSNABRUECK
E. 2613 - Oberbuenger-
meister

14 MARCH

The town was attacked between 1459 and 1538 hours by 80 - 100 4 engined bombers. The main targets were the Central Station and the central, east and south parts of the town.

Bombs dropped: 5 mines
600-700 H.E.
10000 incendiary bombs
500 oil bombs.

Houses: 55 destroyed
60 severely damaged
72 medium damage
470 slightly damaged.

Fires: 1 major, 8 medium and 18 smaller fires.

Casualties: 13 dead and 19 injured.

Only 2 industrial firms are reported as affected. One, Kloeckner Works, was hit by several H.E. bombs but only slight damage was caused. The other, Hammersen A.G., was hit by 2 mines and several H.E. bombs, causing medium damage and a small fire. The railway line to Muenster and Bremen was hit and traffic was restricted to one track. Other lines were slightly affected.

The Gas, Water and Electricity Works were also affected. At the Gas Works a gas furnace was destroyed and a gasometer damaged.

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OSNABRUECK
As above and
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

23 MARCH
(USNAF)

The alarm lasted from 0907 to 1829 hours, during which time two raids took place. Particulars of the first are given below, the second one, during the afternoon, consisting of a low-level fighter attack.

The first attack was between 1059 and 1110 hours.

Bombs dropped: 1500 H.E. (9 duds)
4000 incendiary bombs
100 oil bombs.

Fires: 18 medium and 36 smaller fires.

Houses: 60 destroyed
90 severely damaged
40 medium damage
200 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 4 dead and 15 injured.

No damage worthy of note occurred to industrial targets. The Railway Repair Works and the maintenance works at the Central Station were severely damaged by H.E. and incendiary bombs. One railway bridge and 2 main roads were also severely damaged by H.E. By the 27th March, however, traffic was flowing again. Power, Light and Water supplies were also affected.

OSNABRUECK
as above

25 MARCH

This raid took place between 0948 and 1015 hours, the alert lasting from 0828 to 1307 hours. Most affected was the town centre and the west and southwest sectors of the town. The raid is referred to as a heavy terror raid.

Bombs dropped: 35 mines
2500 H.E. (18 duds)
200000 incendiary bombs
150 phosphorous bombs.

Fires: 34 major, 98 medium & 480 smaller fires.

Houses: 934 destroyed
450 severely damaged
870 medium damage
1500 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 122 dead, 120 injured and 15000 homeless.

The high number of casualties is due to the fact that a heavy mine exploded at the entrance of an 80 metre long air raid shelter and the occupants were either killed or injured.

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Of the industrial firms affected 4 were destroyed and 6 severely damaged. The railway line to Muenster was severely damaged by H.E. bombs and traffic was temporarily suspended. The maintenance works at the Central Station suffered medium damage. The gas works were affected to such an extent that it was anticipated that supplies would not be available for the duration of the war. Electricity and water supplies were also affected.

PFORZHEIM
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.Staff
28X - 11 - do.

23/24 FEBRUARY

During the period from 1920 to 2040 hours Pforzheim was heavily attacked by 150 - 200 4 engined bombers and Mosquitos.

Bombs dropped: 100 mines
1200 H.E.
100000 incendiary bombs
650 jet incendiary bombs.

Houses: some 4500 destroyed and some 550 damaged.

Fires: Area fires and fire storms in the town area.

Casualties: some 7000 dead, 3500 injured and 45000 homeless.

All railway installations at the station were destroyed and extensive fires occurred, bringing all traffic to a standstill. The firms of Ferd. Wagner, Iodi & Wiennenberger, and Lacher & Co. were gutted and Gustav Schaud (formerly Witzemann), manufacturing metal tubing, was badly damaged.

PLAUEN
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

8 APRIL
(USAAF)

About 400 aircraft of the 3rd Bomber Division attacked from 6000 - 7000 metres between 1225 and 1240 hours. The raid is referred to as heavy.

Bombs dropped: 1500 H.E.
8000 incendiary bombs
80 oil bombs
25 phosphorous bombs.

Fires: 111 major and 40 medium and smaller fires.

Houses: 139 destroyed
75 severely damaged
100 medium damage
50 slightly damaged.

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Casualties: 12 dead, 35 injured, 45 buried and some 8000 homeless.

Severe structural damage was done to the Vo-Metall-A.G. and the rolling mill was destroyed. Power also failed.

PLAUEN

As above and
R. 227 - Translations
of Sitreps

10/11 APRIL

This raid was between 2305 and 2325 hours. It was a heavy terror raid, in fact the heaviest to date, and was carried out by some 250 aircraft from a height of 4 - 5000 metres. The whole town area was affected, in particular the west, centre and Haselbrunn.

Bombs dropped: 74 mines
2000 H.E.
5000 incendiary bombs
numerous oil bombs.

Fires: 60 major, 200 medium and smaller fires.

Houses: 150 destroyed
179 severely damaged
95 medium damage
231 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 15 dead, 118 injured, 155 buried and 6000 homeless.

3 industrial plants were destroyed, 5 severely damaged and 1 other suffered medium damage. The power station was damaged. Severe damage was done to railway and maintenance installations including the Friedrich-August bridge. The town hall was also badly hit.

FOELITZ

GD. 1264 - Works ARP
Nordmark
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff

8/9 FEBRUARY

Two attacks which were severe in their effect were made with about 2 hours interval by a total of 400 bombers. Some mine laying also took place.

Bombs dropped: about 3000 H.E. (41 D.A.)

Casualties: 39 dead and 35 injured. These figures were likely to rise considerably as the concentration camp at Haegerwelle was severely hit. 80 people were rendered homeless.

The raid was aimed at and affected the hydrogenation plant where severe damage was caused and a major fire started, resulting in 100% drop in production for several months. Four medium fires also broke out in the town.

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POTSDAM
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

14/15 APRIL

About 200 aircraft were engaged on this raid which was carried out from 2500 - 5400 metres from 2224 to 2248 hours.

Bombs dropped: 1000 H.E.
5000 incendiary bombs.

In the town area, above all the inner town and Babelsberg, severe damage to property and numerous fires ensued and casualties amounted to 500 dead, a large number injured and buried. Water supplies failed and at the Arado aircraft works there were several fires and much damage to buildings. Railway installations were also badly hit, the station buildings, loco sheds and other property being destroyed. An ammunition train exploded. The railway repair works were also badly damaged.

REGENSBURG
As above

5 FEBRUARY
(USAAF)

About 400 aircraft dropped their bombs between 1250 and 1446 hours predominantly on railway installations.

Bombs dropped: 4000 H.E. bombs.

Houses: Damage to houses in the districts of Tegernheim, Schwabelweiss, Stobaenplatz and in the neighbourhood of the station was, in part, severe. About 23 houses were destroyed and 365 were damaged.

Casualties: 42 dead, 80 injured and 23 buried.

Severe damage was caused to tracks at the Central, East, Harbour and Goods stations. The rail bridge over the Danube was hit and badly damaged and was closed for a considerable time. Lines to Munich, Passau and Hof and all goods lines to East station were closed.

Heavy damage was caused to buildings at the I.G. Farben plant and power supplies were cut. About 1420 H.E. bombs were dropped on decoy sites in the Regensburg area.

REGENSBURG
As above

13 MARCH
(USAAF)

Between 1300 and 1350 hours about 500 bombers with fighter escort from the south attacked mainly railway installations, barracks and the harbour. No record is available of the number of bombs dropped.

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Houses: 58 destroyed
62 severely damaged
56 medium damage
500 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 32 dead, 27 injured, 18 buried
and 3600 homeless.

The telephone exchange was destroyed.
All tracks were put out of action at the Central Station and much damage caused to buildings and signals installations. The shunting station was similarly affected.

SASSNITZ

As above and
CD. 1265 - Works ARP,
Nordmark

6/7 MARCH

From 2054 hours onwards the harbour was attacked by about 150 4 engined bombers.

Bombs dropped: 130 H.E. and numerous incendiary bombs.

Houses: 20 destroyed
19 severely damaged
9 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 500 dead, 300 injured. An increase in these figures was expected.

One torpedo boat and 2 submarine chasers were sunk and the hospital ship "Moehring" was burnt out.

The harbour railway was destroyed.
A train occupied by refugees and another partly occupied by wounded were hit.

SIEGEN

28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff

1/2 FEBRUARY

There is no Morning Report of 2nd February available but in an after-report to the Evening Report of that date 150 aircraft are stated to have carried out a heavy terror raid on Siegen, commencing at 1910 hours.

Bombs dropped: 6 mined
1200 H.E.
90000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: 20 major, 100 medium and 430 smaller fires.

Houses: some 1000 destroyed
400 severely damaged
1000 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 77 dead, 180 injured and 58 buried.

Industrial: 16 concerns were hit but details are lacking.

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28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

Transport: Heavy damage was done to tracks and buildings at Siegen and Siegen East stations. From Kreuztal to Siegen East the line was closed owing to damage to the track.

During the raid the town was subjected to continual machine gun and cannon fire.

7 MARCH
(USAAF)

The town centre and the S.E. districts were hit between 1046 and 1107 hours.

Bombs dropped: 1200 H.E.
10000 incendiary bombs.

Fires: 2 major, 50 medium & 60 smaller fires.

Houses: 120 destroyed
60 severely damaged
120 medium damage
numerous slightly damaged.

Casualties: 34 dead, 96 injured.

The goods station was hit but passenger traffic was not affected. The Plange Mill was destroyed and the Sternberg Rivet factory severely damaged.

SWINEMUENDE
As above and
CD. 1266(a) - Works ARP,
Nordmark

12 MARCH
(USAAF)

Some 600 bombers with 400 fighter escort raided between 1150 and 1305 hours from a height of 5-7000 metres.

The east, central and harbour districts bore the brunt of the attack.

Bombs dropped: 2000 H.E.

Fires: 4 major, 10 medium and 40 smaller fires.

Casualties: 3800 dead and 3000 injured.

Seven ships with about 1500 refugees were destroyed and 6 severely damaged.

One ferry was sunk and one severely damaged. Two small naval vessels were sunk and 2 torpedo boats and 47 small vessels were damaged.

Ostswine station and some tracks were badly hit. 50 - 80% of the houses in the central, Strand and west districts were destroyed and 2 air raid shelters were destroyed and 2 more were hit, in which about 300 were killed.

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Casualties in air raid shelters of Works ARP concerns amounted to 1500 dead and 3000 injured. Some 50 vehicles in Ostswine were destroyed and 500 refugees killed.

ULM
As above

4 MARCH
(USAAF)

About 300 aircraft dropped numerous H.E. and incendiary bombs in a heavy attack on the eastern part of the town and Neu-Ulm between 1002 and 1020 hours.

Houses:

320 destroyed
110 severely damaged
132 medium to slight damage.

Casualties:

66 dead, 180 injured and 5000 homeless.

The Central and Shunting stations suffered severe damage to tracks, buildings and signals system as well as rolling stock. Fires broke out at the East Goods station.

At Neu-Ulm station there was also severe damage done to the permanent way, buildings and signals system.

A locomotive shed was destroyed and another damaged as well as damage to the water tower, two turn-tables and an emergency power plant. There were large fires at the Army Ordnance Office and 3 barracks and a store containing Army stocks was hit.

WANNE-EICKEL
As above

4 MARCH

About 150 bombers with fighter escort attacked industrial and transport targets between 1222 and 1232 hours. Numerous H.E. and incendiary bombs were dropped mainly on the Central Station, which was severely damaged. The Nitrogen Works and a pit were also hit.

WESEL
8a 2297 - Chief, Orpo.
28X - 10 - LW.Ops.
Staff

16, 18 & 19
FEBRUARY

In the LW.Ops.Staff report on attacks on 16th February 2 raids are reported, the first by USAAF aircraft of 3rd Bomber Division at 1440 hours, the second by about 150 R.A.F. bombers of 3 Group at 1600 - 1610 hours. The latter hit the station and caused heavy damage to tracks and buildings.

Traffic in all directions was stopped.

Many fires and severe damage to houses occurred in the town area.

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In a supplementary report dated 7th April by Chief, Orpo, covering all three dates the following information is given: In all 5000 H.E. bombs were dropped, 1500 houses destroyed, 387 suffered severe, 203 medium and 300 slight damage. There were 9 major fires, 30 medium and 50 smaller ones 3 industrial concerns, 3 supply installations, 1 railway and 5 military installations and 5 ships were hit. Gas, water and electricity networks were destroyed. 250 dead, 150 injured, 135 buried and 25 missing. The initial reports by Chief, Orpo, for these dates are not available.

WIESBADEN
E. 970 - LGK XIV
E. 1014(a) - Pol.Pres.

2/3 FEBRUARY

A terror raid on the town and transport installations took place when 300 - 350 R.A.F. 4 engined aircraft attacked between 2323 and 0030 hours, dropping their bombs from about 5000 metres. The whole town area, including the suburbs of W. Biebrich, Schierstein, Dotzheim, Frauenstein, Sonnenberg, Rambach, Bierstadt, Kloppenheim, Igstadt and Erbenheim, was affected.

Bombs dropped: 92 mines (1 dud)
1059 H.E. (145 duds)
38300 incendiary bombs, some with explosive head.

Houses: 662 destroyed
372 severely damaged
810 medium damage
3754 slightly damaged.

Fires: 23 block, 500 major, 250 medium and 700 smaller fires.

Casualties: 517 dead, 800 injured and about 30000 homeless.

At Appendix C is full translation of the Police President's report but it will be seen that some of the above particulars are in excess of those given in the appendix. This is accounted for by the inclusion above of a supplementary report subsequently come to light.

WIESBADEN
E. 738 - Pol. Pres.

9 MARCH
(USAAF)

Two raids took place, one in the morning from 1138 to 1307 hours and the other in the afternoon. The first was the only one of significance and was carried out by 200 - 250 medium bombers.

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Bombs were dropped at 10 different times from a height varying from 2 to 4000 metres. The targets were the neighbourhood of the station and some suburbs as well as the west of the town and Dotzheim.

Bombs dropped: 854 H.E. (52 duds)
15000 incendiary bombs (200 duds).

Houses: 30 destroyed
10 severely damaged
7 medium damage
46 slightly damaged.

Fires: 3 major, 15 medium and 25 smaller fires.

Casualties: 170 dead, 60 injured and 700 homeless (including 300 foreigners from a camp).

Station and railway installations between the Central and the East Stations were severely damaged by 60 H.E. bombs. The tracks to Frankfurt, Mainz and Ruedersheim were out. The signals system was put out of action and there was a complete break-down in the telephone network. A number of railway workshops were destroyed. The Salzbach Canal was also damaged by fallen earth and stone. The municipal bus station in the Mainzerstrasse together with workshops was partially destroyed. Several buses and military vehicles and lorries under repair were destroyed. Considerable damage was caused to the electricity supply so that the inner town was without light for 2 - 3 weeks. Gas and water as well as sewerage were also affected.

WORMS
E. 970 - LCK XIV

21/22 FEBRUARY

A heavy attack was made by 300 aircraft between 2029 and 2047 hours on the whole town area, particularly the Old Town. Night fighters claimed 28 shot down. This figure however was not confirmed.

Bombs dropped: about 2000 H.E.
25000 incendiary bombs.

Block and area fires, mainly in the Old Town, were started. Medium damage was caused to industry.

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The Central Station was also damaged but bridges were not hit. Casualties were not known at the time of the report (Morning Report of 22nd February) but about 15000 were homeless.

WUERZBURG

As above and
E. 982 - Post-war allied
report.
28X - 11 - LW.Ops.Staff

16/17 MARCH

This raid took place between 2130 and 2200 hours and affected the whole of the town area and Zellerau and Heidingsfeld.

Bombs dropped:

50 mines
700 H.E. (30 duds)
250000 incendiary bombs
150 oil bombs.

Area fires and numerous large fires were started and nearly all public buildings were destroyed. All State, Party and Service offices were burnt down and all public services and telephone communications broke down. Transport was brought to a standstill. The Luitpold hospital and all service hospitals were severely hit, resulting in many dead and injured. Out of a population of 110000 about 75000 were rendered homeless. Severe damage was caused to the permanent way and buildings, resulting in traffic being temporarily suspended.

WUPPERTAL-BARMEN

28X - 11 - LW.Ops.
Staff

13 MARCH

The major part of a force of 400 bombers from Nos. 4, 6 and 8 Groups attacked from a height of 5-6000 metres between 1600 and 1612 hours. An escort of about 100 fighters accompanied the bombers.

Bombs dropped:

1000 H.E.
10000 incendiary bombs.

Casualties:

30 dead, 285 injured and 460 buried.

The main weight fell on Oberbarmen and transport installations. There were some 350 fires, 7 industrial concerns were hit and severe damage was caused to house property. At 5 stations the permanent way was severely damaged, causing a stoppage of through traffic.

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ZWICKAU

8a 2297 - Chief, Orpo.

19 MARCH

The supplementary report of 8th April gives the following information:

Bombs dropped: 1850 H.E. bombs.

Houses: 125 destroyed
134 severely damaged
112 medium damage
1156 slightly damaged.

Casualties: 357 dead, 231 injured and 3200 homeless. Of 348 buried 151 had been recovered alive and 167 dead.

Among the targets hit were:
Haberkorn Machine Co. destroyed and 13 industrial concerns damaged, 5 rail and some post office installations damaged, 5 railway lines were put out of action temporarily and the marshalling yards at the Goods Station were rendered unusable for about 3 - 4 weeks.

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ALLIED AIR ATTACKS ON GERMANY - 1945

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<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF RAIDS</u>
ASCHAFFENBURG	3 January, 25 February.
BAD KREUZNACH	2 January.
BERLIN	3 February, 26 February, 18 March, 24 March, 28 March.
BOCHUM	21/22 March.
BOEPLIEN	20/21 March.
BREMEN	24 February, 11 March, 21 March, 23 March, 27 March, 30 March, 22 April.
BRUNSWICK	3 March.
BUER	22 March.
CHEMNITZ	6 February, 14 February, 14/15 February, 2 and 3 March, 5 March, 5/6 March.
COLOGNE	10 January, 14 January, 28 January, 2 March.
COTTBUS	15 February.
DESSAU	7/8 March.
DORTMUND	20/21 February, 10 March, 12 March.
DRESDEN	13/14 February, 14 February, 2 March, 17 April.
DUELMEN	22 March.
DUISBURG	21/22 February.
ESSEN	23 February, 8 March, 11 March.
FRANKFURT	17 February, 9 March.
GELSENKIRCHEN	22 January, 23 February, 27 February, 28 February, 5 March, 8 March.
HAGEN	15/16 March.
HALBERSTADT	8 April.
HALLE	6 April.
HAMBURG	17 January, 24 February, 5 March, 7/8 March, 8/9 March, 11 March, 20 March, 21/22 March, 30 March, 31 March, 4/5 April, 8/9 April, 9 April.
HANAU	6/7 January, 18/19 March.

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<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF RAIDS</u>
HANOVER	14 March, 25 March, 28 March.
HELIGOLAND	18 April.
HILDESHEIM	22 March.
HUELS	8 March.
JENA	19 March.
KASSEL	8/9 March, 9 March.
KIEL	11 March, 3 and 4 April, 9/10 April, 13/14 April.
LADBERGEN	3/4 March.
LEIPZIG	27 February, 6 April.
LINZ	2 March.
LUDWIGSHAFEN	2/3 January, 5 January, 21 January, 1 February, 1/2 February, 1 March.
LUETZKENDORF	14/15 March, 4/5 April, 8/9 April.
MAGDEBURG	2 March.
MAINZ	27 February.
MANNHEIM	2/3 January, 20 January, 21 January, 1 February, 1/2 February, 1 March.
MISBURG	15/16 March.
MOOSBIERBAUM	1 March.
MUENSTER	9 March, 23 March.
MUNICH	7/8 January, 25 February, 9 April.
NEUMUENSTER	13 April.
NORDHAUSEN	3 April, 4 April.
NUREMBERG	2/3 January, 20 February, 21 February, 16/17 March.
ORANIENBURG	15 March, 10 April.
OSNABRUECK	14 March, 23 March, 25 March.
PFORZHEIM	23/24 February.
PLAUEN	8 April, 10/11 April.
POELITZ	8/9 February.
POTSDAM	14/15 April.
REGENSBURG	5 February, 13 March.
SASSNITZ	6/7 March.

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<u>LOCATIONS</u>	<u>DATE OF RAIDS</u>
SIEGEN	1/2 February.
SOEST	7 March.
SWINEMUENDE	12 March.
ULM	4 March.
WANNE-EICKEL	4 March.
WESEL	16, 18 and 19 February.
WIESBADEN	2/3 February, 9 March.
WORMS	21/22 February.
WUERZBURG	16/17 March.
WUPPERTAL--BARMEN	13 March.
ZWICKAU	19 March.

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CHRONOLOGICAL INDEX

DATE OF RAIDS

LOCATIONS

JANUARY

2	BAD KREUZNACH.
2/3	LUDWIGSHAFEN, MANNHEIM, NUREMBERG.
3	ASCHAFFENBURG.
5	LUDWIGSHAFEN.
6/7	HANAU.
7/8	MUNICH.
10	COLOGNE.
14	COLOGNE.
17	HAMBURG.
20	MANNHEIM.
21	LUDWIGSHAFEN, MANNHEIM.
22	GELSENKIRCHEN.
28	COLOGNE.

FEBRUARY

1	LUDWIGSHAFEN, MANNHEIM.
1/2	LUDWIGSHAFEN, MANNHEIM, SIEGEN.
2/3	WIESBADEN.
3	BERLIN.
5	REGENSBURG.
6	CHEMNITZ.
8/9	POELITZ.
13/14	DRESDEN.
14	CHEMNITZ, DRESDEN.
14/15	CHEMNITZ.
15	COTTBUS.
16	WESEL.
17	FRANKFURT.
18	WESEL.
19	WESEL.
20	NUREMBERG.
20/21	DORTMUND.
21	NUREMBERG.
21/22	DUISBURG, WORMS.
23	ESSEN, GELSENKIRCHEN.
23/24	PFORZHEIM.
24	BREMEN, HAMBURG.
25	ASCHAFFENBURG, MUNICH.
26	BERLIN.
27	GELSENKIRCHEN, LEIPZIG, MAINZ.
28	GELSENKIRCHEN.

MARCH

1	LUDWIGSHAFEN, MANNHEIM, MOOSBIERBAUM.
2	CHEMNITZ, COLOGNE, DRESDEN, LINZ, MAGDEBURG.
3	BRUNSWICK, CHEMNITZ.
3/4	LADBERGEN.
4	ULM, WANNE-FICKEL.
5	CHEMNITZ, GELSENKIRCHEN, HAMBURG.
5/6	CHEMNITZ.
6/7	SASSNITZ.
7	SOEST.
7/8	DESSAU, HAMBURG.
8	ESSEN, GELSENKIRCHEN, HUELS.
8/9	HAMBURG, KASSEL.

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MARCH

9	FRANKFURT, KASSEL, MUENSTER, WIESBADEN.
10	DORTMUND.
11	BREMEN, ESSEN, HAMBURG, KIEL.
12	DORTMUND, SWINEMUENDE.
13	REGENSBURG, WUPPERTAL-BARMEN.
14	HANOVER, OSNABRUECK.
14/15	LUETZKENDORF.
15	ORANIENBURG.
15/16	HAGEN, MITSBURG.
16/17	NUREMBERG, WUERZBURG.
18	BERLIN.
18/19	HANAU.
19	JENA, ZWICKAU.
20	HAMBURG.
20/21	BOEHLIEN.
21	BREMEN.
21/22	BOCHUM, HAMBURG.
22	BUER, DUELMEN, HILDESHEIM.
23	BREMEN, MUENSTER, OSNABRUECK.
24	BERLIN.
25	HANOVER, OSNABRUECK.
27	BREMEN.
28	BERLIN, HANOVER.
30	BREMEN, HAMBURG.
31	HAMBURG.

APRIL

3	KIEL, NORDHAUSEN.
4	KIEL, NORDHAUSEN.
4/5	HAMBURG, LUETZKENDORF.
6	HALLE, LEIPZIG.
8	HALBERSTADT, PLAUEN.
8/9	HAMBURG, LUETZKENDORF.
9	HAMBURG, MUNICH.
9/10	KIEL.
10	ORANIENBURG.
10/11	PLAUEN.
13	NEUMUENSTER.
13/14	KIEL.
14/15	POTSDAM.
17	DRESDEN.
18	HELLIGOLAND.
22	BREMEN.

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E.1014(a) - Pol. Pres.

Wiesbaden,
5 February 1945

Final Report on the Air Attack on
Wiesbaden of 2 February, 1945

Date and duration
of the attack:

2/3 February 1945;
2324 to 0010 hours.

Area of Attack:

The entire city and the suburbs of West Biebrich, Schierstein, Dotzheim, Frauenslein, Sommenberg, Rambach, Bierstadt, Kloppenheim, Igstadt and Erbenheim.

After the alert had been given the city was approached by streams of bombers from the south-west, west and north-east at about 2320 hours. About 300 - 350 enemy aircraft carried out a "terror" attack and, after several target-marker bombs had been dropped, the main load was released from about 5,000 metres through unbroken cloud.

Bombs Dropped:

High explosive: 1,005 (500 and 1,000 American pounds) including 107 dud or delayed-action bombs. Some of these exploded about 24 hours later. Five disposal squads of the local civil defence organisation and an armourer artificer from GAF station Darmstadt were employed in dealing with the unexploded bombs. Forty-one bombs were cleared and disarmed by 5 February.

Mines: 61

Stick incendiaries: 38,300 Some of these contained an explosive charge, causing injuries to those engaged in fire-fighting.

Miscellaneous: Leaflets were also dropped. A bundle weighing about 50 kg was found in the 8th Civil Defence Sector.

<u>Casualties:</u>	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Injured</u>	<u>Missing & Buried by Rubble</u>
Armed Forces	5	12	
Police	1	1	
Civil Defence Police	4	7	
Civilians -			about 200 missing persons
Men	24	214	
Women	65	251	
Children - male	14	16	
female	9	14	
Foreigners	3	9	
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	125	524	

Bombed-out: About 30,000 people.

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The number of injured who sought medical assistance on their own initiative or were brought in by the Selbstschutz has not yet been established. (Note: Selbstschutz = individual protection, a system according to which the inhabitants of every house in Germany had to run their own C.D. and recruit their own C.D. staff). The hospitals cannot give exact figures at present. About 200 more injured arrived, increasing the total to about 725.

The local C.D. organisation employed the following in rescuing people trapped by rubble: about 1,000 men on 3 February, about 700 men on 4 February and about 600 men on 5 February. In addition, the Party and the Selbstschutz provided groups which also carried out exemplary rescue work by day and night.

In all, 400 people were missing after the raid. Of these, rescue workers found 22 alive and 58 dead on 3 February, 37 dead on 4 February and 20 dead on 5 February. At present about 200 people are still missing. The injuries of those recovered dead were so severe that death must have been instantaneous. The majority were crushed by rubble. A sound detector was used wherever damage had occurred.

<u>Damage:</u>	<u>Completely Destroyed</u>	<u>Badly Damaged</u>	<u>Medium Damage</u>	<u>Slightly Damaged</u>
(a) Military installations:	12	10	3	14
(b) Police & C.D. Police inst.:	8	2	1	1
(c) Industrial installations:	6	6	3	3
(d) Transport installations:	-	15	5	1
(e) Supply installations:	-	5	4	160
(f) Public buildings:	11	18	12	6
(g) Houses:	662	372	810	3,754
(h) Farm buildings:	85	43	7	22
	<u>784.</u>	<u>471</u>	<u>845</u>	<u>3,961</u>

(a) Military Installations

1st C.D. Sector:

The Luftgau photographic centre at 34 Sonnenbergerstr. was hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs and completely destroyed.

The Officers' Club at 35 Friedrichstr. was hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs and destroyed.

An Army Post Office in the Paulinenschloesschen was hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs and destroyed.

A hut camp of Luftgau HQ XIV at Aukamm was hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs and destroyed.

The building of the Reich Labour Service, Labour District XXV, at Luisenplatz was badly damaged by a mine.

The building of the Wehrbezirk HQ at 15 Kirchgasse was badly damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

The Deputy GHQ building at 3-5 Wilhelmstr. was badly damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

The GHQ building in the castle at Adolf Hitler Platz was badly damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

A Luftgau HQ building at 11-12 Kranzplatz was badly damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

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Emergency hospital buildings at 5, 8 and 20 Pensionen Steubenstr. were completely destroyed by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

The "Haus am Kurpark", 19 Paulinenstr. was hit by incendiaries and very severely damaged, as were Reserve Hospital II, Nass. Hof and the Spa hospital.

2nd C.D. Sector:

The building of the Armaments Inspectorate at 16 Lessingstr. was hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs and destroyed.

The Kaiserhof Hotel at 17 Frankfurterstr. which housed departments of the Armaments Inspectorate and the Reich Labour Service was hit by several high explosive and incendiary bombs and destroyed.

The Viktoria Hotel in Rheinstrasse which housed departments of the Luftgarr HQ was hit by several incendiary bombs and destroyed.

3rd. C.D. Sector:

The Ochamps barracks was hit by high explosive bombs. About ten buildings and the eastern garage were damaged.

A number of buildings in the Oramien barracks in Gersdorffstrasse were damaged by high explosive bombs.

4th C.D. Sector:

The Jagdschloss Platte, in which a searchlight unit was stationed, was hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs and completely destroyed.

High explosive and incendiary bombs caused moderate damage at 10 Schulberg, which housed a GAF signals unit.

High explosive and incendiary bombs caused slight damage at 46-48 Taunusstr. and at 4 Neuberg, which housed a GAF administration unit.

In Rabengrund a searchlight battery position was slightly damaged by high explosive bombs.

Huts in the Reich Labour Service camp at Leichtweissshoehle were slightly damaged by high explosive bombs.

5th C.D. Sector:

A hut used as an orderly room at the Graeselberg AA position was hit by several incendiaries and destroyed.

The Rhein barracks was slightly damaged by high explosive bombs.

8th C.D. Sector:

The Freudenberg barracks was hit by high explosive bombs and a large number of incendiaries. Two store sheds and a barrack building were completely gutted. As the mains had been put out of action in the raid and the barracks is situated on high ground there was a shortage of water. The other buildings in the barracks sustained slight or medium damage.

At Kohlheck barracks three barrack buildings were hit by incendiaries and completely gutted.

High explosive and incendiary bombs caused medium damage to a Reich Labour Service equipment dump on the lot at 5 Flachstr.

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(b) Police and C.D. Police Installations

In West Bierstadt the 6th C.D. Sector building was hit by several incendiary bombs and destroyed. As the suburb is situated on high ground and the mains had already been put out of action during the raid, the water reserve was inadequate.

In West Sonnenberg the city administration building, which also housed the 7th C.D. Sector HQ, was hit by several incendiaries and destroyed.

In the Walkmühle the clothing store of the city and C.D. police was hit by several incendiaries. The stocks of clothes were completely destroyed. The fire-watchers were able to save only their own shelter.

In West Rambach the Reich clothing depot "Teillager Waldlust" was hit by two mines and completely destroyed. The depot contained reserve clothing stocks of the GOC Uniformed Police which had been moved out of the evacuated areas. C.D. policemen Hoffmann, Wagner, Steinmeier and Gross and eight children, six women and two men were trapped by rubble in the depot air-raid shelter. No signs of life were found. Some of the victims have been recovered, but three C.D. policemen are still trapped.

At 35 Luisenstr. the quarters of the M/T drivers unit, the garages and the workshop were hit by a mine and very severely damaged. There are three lorries, six cars and nine motor-cycles under the rubble, and these vehicles are believed to be badly damaged. In addition, six lorries and one car parked in the yard for repair were severely damaged by rubble and bomb fragments. The vehicles could not be dispersed owing to mechanical defects and lack of fuel.

In Marktstrasse a building housing Medical Gruppe I was completely destroyed by a mine.

The Bluecher School, which housed Medical Gruppe III and Rescue Point 3, was hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs and extensively damaged.

The Victoria Baths building, which housed Rescue Point 6 and Medical Gruppe 6, was hit by several high explosive and incendiary bombs and destroyed. Instruments and some of the equipment were saved. The Rescue Point was moved temporarily to the vaults of the Krone brewery in Sonnenbergerstrasse.

At the 4th C.D. Sector building windows and wooden fittings were damaged by mine blast.

The quarters of Repair Squad I at Stickelmühle and the garage were damaged by mine blast. The quarters can be used again after the roof has been repaired.

Windows and wooden fittings in the building of Repair Squad II in Boseplatz were damaged by mine blast.

The Luisenstr. school, two rooms of which were used by members of the repair service, was completely destroyed by incendiary bombs. An auxiliary garage in the yard was also burnt down by incendiaries. A car, three motor-cycles and the light equipment of the repair squad which were in the garage were destroyed.

In Friedrichstrasse the Police HQ was hit by a high explosive bomb and a mine and 50% destroyed. Part of the roof was set on fire by a burning building nearby. Some of the offices and installations were destroyed. The Police records which were stored in the cellar were destroyed when stocks of coke caught fire. Typewriters stored in the cellar were also destroyed by rubble and fire. About five people were trapped in the shelters and killed.

The 1st C.D. Sector building sustained medium damage from mine blast.

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(c) Industrial Installations

Windows, wooden fittings and the roof of the Schellenbergschen printing works at 21 Langgasse were badly damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

Windows and wooden fittings at the Wagner electrical factory in Schiersteinerstr. were badly damaged by mine blast.

Doors, windows and machines at the Engel electrical factory in Dotzheimerstrasse sustained medium damage from high explosive bombs. Production has been stopped for a short time.

At the firm of Dyckerhoff in Mainz-Amoeneburg a large warehouse building was hit by incendiaries and destroyed.

At the Lyssia pharmaceutical works in Taunusstrasse windows were damaged and preparations destroyed by high explosive and incendiary bombs. The roof sustained medium damage.

Buildings and machines at the Heinen steel works in Mainzerstrasse were damaged by mine blast and incendiary bombs. Windows, wooden fittings and roofs were also damaged. Production has been stopped for a short time.

At the firm of Kalle & Co. in West Biebrich incendiary bombs caused damage in the joiners' wood-store, in the capsule plant and in a warehouse. The fires were quickly extinguished and no damage of any consequence resulted.

Incendiaries caused fires in the oil and resin store of Albert & Co. in West Erbenheim.

At the Germania brewery in Mainzerstrasse a stable, a garage and a house were hit. The garage, the house and the coopers' workshops were gutted. Three horses were trapped by rubble but were rescued alive. Production was stopped temporarily.

In Mainzerstrasse a building of the Fauth oil factory housing the extraction plant was completely destroyed by high explosive bombs. Windows and wooden fittings in the other buildings were damaged.

Buildings at the Stark foundry in Mainzerstrasse were damaged by mine blast. Production has been reduced temporarily by 40%.

Buildings at the firm of Rossel & Schwarz were damaged by mine blast.

The building of the Opel firm at the main railway station was hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs. The workshops went out of action temporarily.

In Bahnhofstrasse the Wiesbadener Zeitung building was hit by incendiaries. Buildings and machines were damaged, but work was not affected to any appreciable extent.

In Mainzer-Landstrasse the city gasworks was hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs. Two gasometers were burnt out but can still be repaired. In addition, the regulator plant was completely gutted.

The city slaughterhouse was hit by several high explosive and incendiary bombs. A wholesale hall was completely destroyed. Cattle stalls and sheds were damaged by incendiaries. Two cars belonging to the C.D. Veterinary Service were destroyed in the garages. Some of the C.D.V.S. quarters were completely destroyed and others sustained medium damage. Animals in the stalls were brought out without loss.

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The premises of Henkell & Co., wine cellarers, were hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs and severely damaged (80%).

The Soehnlein wine cellars in West Schierstein were damaged (70%) by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

Building III of the Glyco works in West Schierstein was damaged (mainly windows, wooden fittings and roof) by high explosive bombs which fell nearby.

The Hinnenberg electrical and armature works in Langgasse was damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs. Production has been stopped temporarily.

The Linde refrigerator factory in Hildastrasse was damaged (mainly windows, wooden fittings and roof) by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

The Felsenkeller brewery in Bierstadterstrasse was badly damaged by incendiaries.

The premises of Buchhold & Keller, 1 Naurodestr., West Bierstadt, were damaged (mainly windows, wooden fittings and roof) by mine blast.

The Flach capsule factory at 5 Flachstr. was completely destroyed by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

A hut housing foreign workers on the premises of the Wiesbaden engineering works was completely destroyed by incendiaries.

At the Weckwerth brickworks, 5 Schulstr., a barrack hut housing French POW's was completely destroyed by incendiaries.

The Koehr hat factory, 103 Mainzerstr., and the Vollmer screw factory, also in Mainzerstr., were damaged by mine blast and incendiaries.

The horticultural office at 4 Weidenbornstr. was damaged by mine blast.

The Adox camera factory, 172 Dotzheimerstr., was destroyed by a direct hit (HE bomb).

The premises of the firm of Lermer, 63 Dotzheimerstr., steel construction, were destroyed by incendiaries.

Stoll's, the locksmiths, at 86 Dotzheimerstr. was damaged by incendiary bombs.

Kopp & Son, the joiners, at 4 Assmannshaeuserstr. was destroyed by incendiary bombs.

Kuehner & Co., timber dealers, at 4 Assmannshaeuserstr. was damaged by incendiaries.

The premises of Mueller, the beer merchants, at 4 Assmannshaeuserstr. were damaged by incendiary bombs.

At Wiesbaden West railway goods yard two flour dumps of the Bakers Purchasing Co. were badly damaged by incendiary bombs.

The premises of Wirth, the mineral water wholesalers, in the Wiesbaden West goods yard were destroyed by incendiaries.

Also in the goods yard the coal dumps of the firms of Hengstenberg, Ludwig Jung Ltd., Lenz & Co. and Wintermoyer, the coal dealers, were destroyed by incendiary bombs.

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At 1 Sommerstr. the furniture depository of Berthold Jakoby, proprietor Robert Ullrich, was hit by several incendiaries. The buildings and stored furniture were badly damaged.

The premises of Pfliederer & Co., joiners, in Lahnstrasse were completely destroyed by incendiaries.

(d) Transport Installations

The reception building at the Wiesbaden main railway station was damaged by six high explosive bombs and a fairly large number of incendiaries. A high explosive bomb hit the Schwalbach track; the other tracks were not touched. The goods dispatch and the main signal box were badly damaged by fire and the customs sheds destroyed. The workshops were also damaged by fire. Track repairs were completed by 1800 hours on 3rd February. At Wiesbaden-Dotzheim railway station 30 metres of track was destroyed by a high explosive bomb. Repair work was completed by 1800 hours on 3rd February.

At Eiserne Hand railway station about 30 metres of track No. 1 was destroyed by a high explosive bomb. Track No. 2 was used to keep trains running. The damage was repaired by 1500 hours on 5th February. A shuttle service was operated between Wiesbaden-Dotzheim and Bad Schwalbach.

Tracks on the line Wiesbaden Main - Niederlahnstein were damaged or destroyed for about 120 metres (3 HE bombs) between Wiesbaden South and West Schierstein (at Km 41). Traffic was halted until the evening of 3rd February, when single-line traffic started. A shuttle service was operated between West Schierstein and Niederlahnstein.

The operations building and the station house at Wiesbaden-Waldstrasse station were hit by incendiaries and badly damaged.

High explosive bombs caused considerable damage to roads throughout the city, particularly in the central area. Traffic will be diverted until the damage has been repaired.

(e) Supply Installations

Incendiary and high explosive bombs caused considerable damage to public supply installations.

Electricity Supply:

The power station in Wiesbaden was not damaged in the raid. At present only the shortage of coal threatens to bring about a stoppage. The whereabouts of coal trains on the way to the power station is not known. To bridge the gap the Regional Economics Office has requisitioned coal from a local industry. The Reichsbahn will undertake the transportation of the coal to the power station. Power transmission from the Main power stations has broken down. Lines have been damaged to a considerable extent and at present it is not known how long repairs will take. The Wiesbaden power station can provide the city only with a greatly reduced electricity supply. Strict economy in the use of electricity by the public is absolutely essential. A number of main cables serving the centre of the city and many secondary cables and distribution installations were severely damaged. During the afternoon of 3rd February parts of the western area of Wiesbaden and of the central area were again provided with electricity. Further areas of the city were connected during 4th February. Electricity will not be available throughout the city until all damaged installations have been repaired, probably by 10th February.

Gas Supply:

At the gasworks two gasometers were hit by high explosive and incendiary bombs. The contents of the gasometers were burnt, but the gasometers themselves can still be repaired. The control room was completely gutted. The

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furnaces are still in order, but owing to the gasometers being damaged gas supplies cannot be resumed for the time being. Supply would have been discontinued shortly in any event owing to coal shortage. No fuel gas can be supplied until the damage has been repaired.

Water Supply:

Owing to the power failure the efficiency of the West Schierstein pumping station was reduced. It was in full working order again by the afternoon of 3rd February. Bombs severely damaged the main pipelines from the Taunus water catchments to the reservoirs and those from the reservoirs to the city and Biebrich. In addition, secondary pipelines and house mains in Wiesbaden were badly damaged at many points. As a result of this damage to the water supply system the reservoirs emptied very quickly and shortly after the raid there were no water reserves available to fight fires. Starting from the reservoirs, the waterpipe network is gradually being put in order again. Water supplies have already been restored in the north-western district and in parts of the central area. Owing to the large number of damaged house mains, all of which will have to be cut off before water is made available again, the restoration of the waterpipe network is being delayed. Owing to flooding of houses due to damaged mains a number of pipelines which had already been put in working order had to be cut off again until such time as repairs are completed. It is not yet known when the entire network will be restored as fresh cases of damage are continually being discovered. Repairs will probably be completed by 12th February.

City Transport Services:

Buses are not running owing to the shortage of fuel gas.

Most of the overhead tramcar cables have been destroyed throughout the central area and in West Biebrich. Route 8 between Wiesbaden and West Biebrich cannot be restored for the time being as various materials required for repairs are not available. The Wiesbaden-Biebrich - Schierstein service will soon be operating again. The Wiesbaden - Mains tramcar route is still out of action owing to damage caused in an earlier attack. Route 7 cannot be operated for the time being owing to rubble and the complete destruction of overhead cables.

(f) Public Buildings

1st C.D. Sector:

The Reichsbank building at 21 Luisenstr., the city insurance office at 1 - 3 Marktstr. and the schools office were completely destroyed by a mine.

The Wiesbaden bank building at 20 Friedrichstr., the town hall in Adolf Hitlerplatz and the Municipal Economic Office at 19 Friedrichstr. were badly damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs. The girls high school in Adolf Hitlerplatz and the Capitol cinema at 1 Taunusstr. were completely destroyed by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

The big hall at the Kurhaus was completely destroyed by incendiary bombs. The Deutsche theatre and the theatre and spring colonnade were severely damaged by a mine and incendiary bombs.

The Ufa cinema in Wilhelmstrasse was damaged by incendiary bombs.

The Bonifatius church in Luisenplatz and the Markt church in Adolf Hitlerplatz were badly damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

2nd C.D. Sector:

The Viktoria Baths at 2 Viktoriastr. were destroyed by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

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The Nassau National Bank at 22-24 Rheinstr. was badly damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

The Hebbel School was damaged by high explosive bombs.

The Lutheran church in Mosbachstr. was damaged by high explosive bombs which fell nearby.

3rd C.D. Sector:

The local sick fund building, the labour exchange, the Manteufel school, the Bluecher school, the Bleichstr. and Boseplatz school, the C.D. branch headquarters and the local headquarters buildings of the NSDAP (Westring, Westend and West) were either completely destroyed or badly damaged by high explosive and incendiary bombs.

4th C.D. Sector:

In the city hospitals two buildings were badly damaged by high explosive bombs and another two were gutted.

The Stiftstrasse school and the local branch of the Hitler Youth in Herbert Norkusstrasse were completely destroyed by high explosive and incendiary bombs. The headquarters of the 80th Regional Sub-Division of the Hitler Youth at 17 Geisbergstr., the eye clinic, the Nerotal sanatorium, the Riederberg school, 28 Philippsbergstr. and the youth hostel at 19 Haendelstr. were badly damaged.

5th C.D. Sector:

The south wing of Biebrich castle was burnt out. The customs building was completely gutted. The Riehl school and the Oranier memorial church were badly damaged by incendiary bombs.

8th C.D. Sector:

The Catholic church at 8 Friedenstr. was completely gutted.

The Muehlgasse school was slightly damaged by incendiary bombs. All the windows were broken by mine blast.

(g) Houses

Owing to the large number of incendiaries dropped and the duration of the raid, it was some time before civilians began to fight fires. This activity was further impeded by the breakdown of the water supply. Thus, roof fires were able to develop into house, street and area fires very quickly. No fire storms developed. Water was in particularly short supply in areas of the city situated on high ground, especially in West Bierstadt, Kloppenheim and Dotzheim.

(h) Farm buildings

In the suburbs of West Sonnenberg, Bierstadt, Dotzheim, Frauenstein, Rambach and Igstadt a large number of barns and other farm buildings were damaged by incendiaries.

At fifteen nurseries in the Saarstr. and Blierweg area in West Schierstein considerable damage was done to hotbeds, greenhouses and other buildings. Some of the plants were killed by the cold.

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Fires:

Major fires:	500
Medium fires:	240
Small fires:	700
"Block" fires (covering one or more blocks):	23

As a result of massed dropping of incendiaries "block" fires developed in Neubergerstr., Kapellenstr., upper Nerotal, Franz Abtstr. and Stiftstr., Kranzplatz, Webergasse, Wilhelmstr.,-Kranzplatz, Baerenstr., Muehlgasse, Burg-Wilhelmstr., Faulbrunnenstr., Buelowstr., Emserstr., Klarenthalerstr., Elsaesser Platz-Blumenthalstr., upper Dotzheimerstr., Oranienstr., Moritzstr., Adolfsallee, Wilhelmstr and Kleine Wilhelmstr., Dotzheimerstr., West Bierstadt, Sonnenberg and Igstadt. Fire-watchers were greatly impeded by the duration of the raid and the mixed dropping of high explosive and incendiary bombs, some of which contained explosive charges. The breakdown of the water supply was an added difficulty. Emergency water tanks (capacity three cubic metres) had been emptied at the beginning of the year owing to the long period of cold weather. In spite of these difficulties fire-fighting units of the Fire Police and C.D. Police, the Army and Air Force, the Special Administration and Works C.D., the Party, the Reich C.D. Association and the fire watchers carried out their work in an exemplary and energetic manner. Their unsparing efforts prevented an area fire and fire storm developing in the Altstadt district.

Emergency Water Supply:

Owing to the breakdown of the normal water supply system during the raid all of the fire fighting units engaged were obliged to fall back on their own resources. Water was provided for four motorised C.D. companies and 23 fire-fighting squads on 3rd February, for two motorised C.D. companies and 14 fire-fighting squads on 4th February and for eight fire-fighting squads on 5th February. Streams and canals proved very useful and provided an adequate supply of water. From about 1300 hours on 4th February some of the units engaged were employed on replenishing emergency water supplies. This water could still not be obtained from the mains and had to be pumped from streams and canals. The available emergency water supply was adequate in the central district of the city. However, in districts and suburbs situated on high ground not enough water could be brought up by vehicle. There was no need to bring in fire-fighting forces from neighbouring cities and this would probably not have been possible in any event owing to lack of fuel.

Other Damage:

A barge anchored in the Rhine in C.D. Sector 5 was hit by incendiary bombs. The barge caught fire and sank.

The Post Office building in Rheinstrasse was slightly damaged by high explosive bombs which fell nearby. Water from a damaged main flooded the Post Office yard and the cellars, in which the main switchboard is housed. In addition, an emergency water tank in Luisenplatz containing 1,400 cubic metres of water was destroyed by two direct hits. The water flowed down the steep incline of Rheinstr. and some of it flooded into the Post Office. The main switchboard was under water for about twelve hours. Two Army fire engines were called in to pump out the water, which was transferred to the emptied emergency water tanks near the main post office. Owing to the flooding communications in Wiesbaden and to the west were interrupted temporarily. The other installations were not damaged.

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A splinter-proof shelter in Coulinstrasse sustained medium to heavy damage from high explosive bombs which fell nearby.

The following shelters were also damaged:

22 Klarenthalerstr.	lighting put out of action
86 Dotzheimerstr.	entrance blocked by rubble
61 " "	" " " "
7 Goebenstr.	lighting put out of action
42 Bleichstr. (school)	brickwork damaged by HE bomb
22 " "	entrance blocked by rubble and doors destroyed
Boseplatz	entrance blocked by rubble and surface water flooding
85 Rheinstr.	lighting put out of action
41 Schwalbacherstr.	entrance blocked by rubble
Bluecherplatz	trenches slightly damaged by HE bomb

The Fresenius Laboratory at 15 Kapellenstr. was hit by several incendiaries and destroyed. The chemical warfare research department was also destroyed.

In addition, medium to heavy damage was caused by high explosive and incendiary bombs to the Johannisstift hospital at 76-78 Plattestr., the St. Michael hospital at 5 Plattestr., the Evangelical buildings at 2 Plattestr., the Walkmuehle dye works, the Lahnstr. school, the Zieterring school, the Kastellstr. school and the cattle-shed in the Platter.

Aircraft Crash:

Parts of an aircraft were found in the 1st and 7th C.D. sectors in Bingert- and Verdunstrasse and in Sonnenberger- and Parkstrasse. Seven dead airmen (Canadians) were found in the vicinity of the Spa. GAF station Erbenheim and LGK XIV were informed and were requested to collect the aircraft parts and the dead airmen. The aircraft was not seen to crash during the attack either by observation posts or casual observers. Apparently it exploded in mid-air.

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