

# Bremen Burns Hours After 'Biggest Raid'

**More Bombers Than  
Ruined Cologne Blast  
U-Boat Works, Base**

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London, June 26.—Fires kindled last night at Bremen, principal target in what was probably the Royal Air Force's biggest night so far, were still burning this afternoon in that port, heretofore a great German arsenal for the battle of the Atlantic.

British reconnaissance planes hunted Bremen out by daylight to study her ruins and brought back that word, announced here tonight.

Relays totaling more than 1000 bombers converged on Bremen last night in a precision movement at first facilitated by the moonlight and the northern light and later by the beckoning glare of bombset fires which studded the city.

German twin-engined night fighters, searchlights in their noses, challenged the attacking waves. At least two of these were shot down.

## **Cosmopolitan Crew**

Aircraft of the Royal Dutch Naval Air Force, Polish and Czech squadrons and the Royal Canadian Air Force's squadrons participated with the R. A. F. bomber, coastal and army cooperation commands in the battering of Bremen, German's second largest port.

Pilots said that some of the "many large fires" that glowed through the clouds rivaled the aurora borealis. The attack was jammed into 75 minutes, or a quarter hour less than the recent all-out assault on Cologne.

Early tonight, American-made Boston bombers attacked Le Havre, while other squadrons swept the French coast from Cherbourg to Boulogne. Two R. A. F. planes and one German fighter were destroyed.

It was the third of the great city-by-city annihilation raids, and indications were that the number of attackers exceeded the 1130 which razed Cologne on May 30 and the 1036 which devastated Essen two nights later.

## **Hundreds in Diversion Raid**

The Air Ministry announced that a second force of bombers and fighters made intensive harassing attacks on German airdromes in the Low Countries. This latter force was believed to have been in the hundreds.

Although the night's total loss was 52 planes, highest in R. A. F.

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history, informed persons said this was less than 5 per cent of the participating aircraft (thus indicating that more than 1040 planes were used.)

In retaliation, German raiders dropped incendiaries on an East Anglia city early Saturday morning, but "the raid was neither long nor heavy.")

Bremen is the home of Deschimag-Werke, which builds submarines, and a Focke-Wulf factory, making sea-raiding Condor planes. In addition it has large shipyards, warehouses and oil refineries.

It was the ninety-fifth bombardment of Bremen.

American-made Lockheed Hudsons made up part of the bomber force, while Douglas Havoc fighter-bombers helped disorganize the German defenses by attacking many airdromes.

In the series of massive attacks moving slowly northward across western Germany, industrial experts in Britain estimated conservatively that 25 per cent of the industrial production of Cologne, Essen and Bremen combined had now been knocked out.