

Nazi Cities Hit As Northern Lights Illumine Raiders' Goals

BULLETIN

Berlin (Sunday), Sept. 21 (AP).—British air raiders dropped incendiary bombs on Berlin during the night, but caused only "unimportant property damage," an official announcement said today.

By the Associated Press

London, Sept. 20.—The R. A. F., in one of its biggest offensives, begun by the light of the aurora borealis and continued throughout the daylight hours, pounded bitterly defended objectives from Norway to France today.

[Military sources believed the sudden R. A. F. offensive was a desperate attempt to lure the Luftwaffe back from the Eastern Front and give the Red air fleet and the R. A. F. squadrons operating with the Russians a badly needed respite, the United Press reported.

Biggest Day Attack

[Authoritative sources said flatly that the air attacks were the biggest the R. A. F. had ever launched in daylight.

[The attacks included a daylight raid by an American-built Flying Fortress plane upon the great Nazi naval base of Emden.

There was fierce fighting over the English Channel in which the British declared they shot down 15 German planes and lost ten of their own, including seven fighters and three bombers. The German high command, in a special announcement heard here by radio, asserted that a total of 38 British planes were shot down.

Six Ships Hit

The R. A. F. said it burned or crippled six ships in a German convoy in the Channel.

Blenheim bombers escorted by R. A. F. fighter planes attacked the German convoy off the Netherlands coast late today. An authoritative source said one of the larger ships was hit by a bomb, four ships were seen burning and the back of another was broken.

Three other bomber formations were reported to have lashed at railway centers in Hazebrouck and Abbeville, shipyards near Rouen and the Cherbourg docks. Blenheim bombers also attacked a fish oil factory on the coast of Norway.

The bombing last night of Stettin, important German Baltic supply base for the Russian campaign, was said by the air ministry to have been carried out by the light of the aurora borealis and to have resulted in many large fires among the docks, warehouse and railroad yards.