

TRANSLATION OF EH.523, DER FÜHRER AN DIE DEUTSCHEN FRAUEN

(OBSERVE)

THE R.A.F. TO THE WOMEN OF GERMANY

The nights grow longer, and each month the R.A.F. carries its attacks deeper into Germany.

You know from your own experience that the air war is hitting your towns ever harder, that the number of victims is growing. The English people, our wives and children, have had to endure with all its horrors the total war introduced by your leaders. Your leaders, who invented this inhuman form of battle, were well aware that we of the Royal Air Force could have only one form of counterattack: the same total war. Our attack is not directed at you and your children; but total war, of the kind Hitler wanted, does not distinguish between the armed and the unarmed.

That is why you must now suffer. But the dangers that threaten you can be reduced, if you make use of the experience we have gained during the attacks of the Luftwaffe upon our towns. Here are some pieces of advice, to which you should pay attention:

1). Beware of mains water after a raid!

When a main road has been hit, the water mains and sewers are usually damaged. The water is thus polluted, and drinking it may cause enteric fever.

2). No shelters without steel struts!

A shelter is no protection against a building collapsing on top of it, unless it is strengthened with steel struts and girders.

3). Keep the bath full of water!

A town whose principal water system has been damaged in an air raid is particularly vulnerable to a second raid with incendiary bombs. Keeping your bath full of water is the best protection for your dwelling.

4). Get a living place outside the danger zone NOW!

When a German town has suffered severely from an air raid, the Hitler Government forbids the population to use the railway without a special permit. This prohibition is designed to prevent the spreading of reports of damage done. NOW is the time to look for a living place outside the danger zone!

Churchill has said: "We shall bomb military targets in ever increasing measure until the Hitlerite regime is either destroyed by us or – better still – overthrown by the German people itself".

We wish to destroy, not the German people, but Hitler's War Machine. If meanwhile you have to suffer, then remember:

YOU OWE IT TO HITLER!

(REVERSE)

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Caption: "I confidently hope that not a single mother will ever have occasion to shed tears because of my acts". Adolf Hitler on September 8th, 1939, in Nürnberg.