

TRANSLATION OF G.19, DER GRÖSSTE ERFOLG DER LUFTWAFFE

(OBVERSE)

The greatest success of the German Luftwaffe

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This is what the German Luftwaffe was made for: to intimidate weaker neighbours, to pounce upon them with lightening speed, to overpower them by terror from the air. With the threat to lay Prague in ashes, Czechoslovakia was made to submit. Poland was conquered by a lightening attack and the same terror was used successfully against the small countries that were too weak to defend themselves: Denmark, Norway and Holland.

This kind of one-sided war was what Hitler and Goering had planned for. For this kind of war their two-engine bombers and their primitive tactics were adequate. That is how they achieved their greatest success; in one afternoon the Luftwaffe levelled to the ground the entire centre of the open town of Rotterdam.

[Photograph of the destruction in Rotterdam]

(REVERSE)

The greatest success to date of the Royal Air Force

This is what the RAF was built and trained for: to destroy the most important armament centres of a strong well-prepared enemy; to saturate the strongest ground defences; to overcome the air defences even of the best protected nerve centres.

Hence the four-engine giant bombers. Hence the tactic of the concentrated attack. Hitler and Goering have nothing to match this.

Here is the greatest success to date of the RAF: in two nights the Krupp works of Essen, the armaments centre of the German Reich has been most seriously hit.

[Picture of the destruction of the Krupp works]

Caption: The picture reproduced here shows part of the Krupp works after the two air attacks of the 5th and 12th March 1943.

In each of these attacks an average of a thousand tons of bombs were unloaded on the target. The Luftwaffe in its attacks on Coventry unloaded one hundred and eighty-five tons.

The parts of the photograph with circles round them show destroyed or damaged objects. In all one hundred industrial and administrative buildings were either destroyed or made unusable. Gas, water and power was put out of commission.

To this must be added the destruction inflicted by the attack of April 3rd during which a further 900 tons of bombs were dropped on Essen and the Krupp works.

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| 1. Blast Furnaces | 11. Sheet metal shop |
| 2. Foundry | 12. Brass press shop |
| 3. Administrative building | 13. Rolling stock shop |
| 4. Forge shop | 14. Locomotive works |
| 5. Assembly shop | 15. Wire rolling mills |
| 6. Vehicle factory | 16. A&B Machine shop & wire rolling mill |
| 7. Repair shops for electrical equipment | 17. Locomotive tender works |
| 8. A-D Machine shops | 18. Steam hammer shop |
| 9. Press shop | 19. Workmen's quarters |
| 10. Light railway shop works | 20. Factory sheds |