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Missive 5345

P.D. 31-10-45

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Degrees, Decorations, etc.....

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RAID ON BERLIN 31.8.43.

The first Australian Lancaster squadron took part in last night's raid on Berlin which some of the pilots described as "a piece of cake". The crews reported a fair amount of cloud over the target area, and stated that at first the attack was rather scattered although towards the end it appeared to be more concentrated.

Pilot Officer Reg. White, a wireless operator from Albany, West Australia, completed his tour of operations on this raid. It was his third trip to Berlin. He was in the first phase over the target area and said that when he was there the attack didn't seem to have developed to any great extent.

"We didn't have any trouble with the fighters but saw a number of combats taking place. At one stage there was a lot of flak but that didn't worry us" he concluded.

Flight Sergeant Doug Baudinette, of Coleraine, Victoria, was taking part in his second raid on Berlin and said that it was much easier than his first. He reported seeing a large number of fighters but none attacked his aircraft.

"It was not as bad as when I was there before" said Flight Sergeant O. Moore, an aircraft captain, from Sydney. "There were not many searchlights and we didn't encounter much flak." he said. "When we arrived there was a lot of cloud over the target, but it had been well lit by earlier crews."

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WITNESS STATEMENTS

The first Australian observation of the raid took place at about 11.30 p.m. on Berlin which some of the pilots described as "a piece of cake". The crews reported a fair amount of cloud over the target area, and stated that at first the attack was rather scattered although towards the end it appeared to be more concentrated.

Flight Officer Mac. Miller, a wireless operator from Albany, West Australia, completed his tour of operations on this raid. It was his third trip to Berlin. He was in the first phase over the target area and said that when he was there the attack didn't seem to have developed to any great extent.

"We didn't have any trouble with the lightning but saw a number of complete taking places. At one stage there was a lot of fire but that didn't worry me," he concluded.

Flight Sergeant Tom Handman, of Melbourne, Victoria, was taking part in his second raid on Berlin and said that it was much easier than his first. He reported seeing a large number of lights but none attacked his aircraft.

"It was not as bad as when I was there before," said Flight Sergeant G. Moore, an aircraft captain from Sydney. "There were not many searchlights and we didn't encounter much fire," he said. "When we arrived there was a lot of cloud over the target, but it had been well lit by earlier crews."