


## COLOGNE A DYING CITY

850 Lancasters and Halifaxes raining a hundred tons of bombs a minute struck ~~ENIGMA~~ Cologne in the second major attack in three days. The most bombed city in western Germany is one of the main targets of Bomber Command. As the tide of Allied advance sweeps to the Rhine the ~~greatest~~ city is of greater importance to the enemy than ever before. It is one of the bottlenecks jammed with supplies for the defending army.

Hottest battlefield on the Western front only a few weeks ago the German frontier town of Aachen now stands half ruined by the terrific pounding it received from ~~US~~ bombers and artillery. Aachen was the first city of any size to be captured by the Allies. ~~It fell to the Americans in a brilliant and sustained assault....~~ Both guns and bombers spared the Cathedral.

Already devastated by heavy attacks the Dutch town of Roermond was raided by <sup>the</sup> R.A.F. ~~and the~~ Tactical Air Force. ~~Bostons and Mitchells, some now flown by Dutch pilots,~~ made a precision attack on the road bridge over the River Maas. Roermond stands at the junction of seven roads on the German escape route from South Holland. ~~Coupled with President Roosevelt's statement that~~ There will be no lull this winter, 

Recent intensified bombing indicates that a major offensive is imminent.... The bridge over the Maas was well and truly hit.