

## RAF PAVE WAY FOR NINTH ARMY

More than a thousand heavies raided the Ruhr and Rhineland in Bomber Command's first operation directly supporting <sup>a</sup> U.S. Army offensive. The target in these pictures was Duren, between Aachen and Cologne. Something like three thousand tons of bombs rained down in a few minutes. The town centre was practically ~~obliterated~~ <sup>wiped out.</sup> One more important munitions town was put out of action for some time to come.