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smash what remains of the enemy railway system~~

General Eisenhower's call ^{for} ~~to the Allied airforces for~~
a supreme ^{air-} effort was translated by Air Chief Marshal
Tedder into co-ordinated action in which Generals Eaker
and Spaatz directed much of the American bombing effort,
while at the head of RAF Bomber Command Air Chief Marshal
Harris hurled his full forces into the fight, night and
day. Over the shrinking territory of the third Reich
Lancaster bombers carry their load of death and destruction
every hour of the twenty four. ~~Upon~~ The bomb doors
of these incomparable aircraft have opened upon a vista
partially hiding from view the
of cloud ~~which~~ systematic
obliteration of Germany as a nation effectively at war.

(af CU Lan) For 15 successive days, as we go to Press,
the RAF has struck ~~at~~ not only at German railways but
at the enemy's oil, dumps and concentrations of troops.
In this scene the bombers get a direct hit ^{on} a Benzol
plant.

Mitchells and Bostons of the Second Tactical Airforce
laid a carpet of fire and explosion upon the area of
German retreat.

With deadly accuracy RAF rocket fighters pin-pointed
divisional headquarters and hundreds of other targets
calling for bulls-eye shooting.

The ultra-~~heavy~~^{fast} Tempest fighters, together with Mosquitoes, had successive field-days of train-busting.

Now for the Americans. As well as from British bases Forts flew over the Alps from Italy, as General Eaker's Mediterranean Command joined in the fray.

(2 after Alps) Marshalling yards were the target at Ansbach. Every day of this air offensive they carried out Eisenhower's order to wipe out the German railways.

* (31 vapour trails) Marshalling yards again were the target at Stendal.

* (35 smoke bomb) Wittenburg, ~~Wittenberg~~, famous as the town in which Martin Luther laid the foundations of the Reformation, went the way of the rest.

(40 thru window) Twelve hundred Forts and Liberators, following RAF night attacks on Nuremberg, wiped out tank factories, electrical plants and chemical works.

American fighters shot up scores of German aircraft on the ground.

(45 CU bomb) At Laneburg ~~it~~ it was marshalling yards again. [Altogether, the most breathtaking manifestation of ~~destructive~~ air power yet seen in this war. The curtain has risen; the orchestra of avenging justice thunders the overture of the final phase.

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on the ground, fight to take off,
fight in the air 7 fight 2 get
down gn. 2 get