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MAGDEBURG BLITZES.

Bomber Harris sends his Lancasters and Halifaxes to deliver a smashing blow at the heart of Magdeburg. Over two thousand tons of bombs going down in 34 minutes. Royal Air Force cameramen returned with these pictures of the raid. By clever tactics, the German defences were fooled into believing that the bomber squadrons were concentrating on Berlin (only 88 miles away). While enemy night fighters were sent in to defend the capital, (receiving a diversionary raid by Mosquitoes) our heavy bombers altered course to deliver their blow at Magdeburg. The ruse drew off the fighter packs for a while, but when the air battles reached their height our losses began to mount. The film has been stopped for a while to show a 4,000 pounder going down.

Magdeburg's first major attack blew the centre of the town wide open.