

# Aurora Borealis Helps R.A.F. in Bomb Raids

## One of Heaviest Night Attacks in Weeks Sweeps Nazi Points From Norway to France

LONDON, Sept. 20. (AP)—The R.A.F. in one of the biggest offensives in weeks, begun by the light of the aurora borealis and continued throughout the daylight hours, pounded bitterly defended objectives from Norway to France today.

There was fierce fighting over the English Channel in which the British declared they shot down 15 German planes and lost 10 of their own, including seven fighters and three bombers. The German high command, in a special announcement heard here by radio, asserted that a total of 38 British planes were shot down, all but three in air combat. The Germans said they lost only two.

### CONVOY ATTACKED

The R.A.F. said it burned or crippled six ships in a German convoy in the Channel.

Reuters quoted D.N.B. as saying British planes also attacked Berlin but the British denied any tries at the capital. Russian planes may have bombed Berlin.

Blenheim bombers escorted by R.A.F. fighter planes attacked the German convoy off the Netherlands coast late today. An authoritative source said one of the larger ships was hit by a bomb, four ships were seen burning and the back of another was broken.

### AIR FORTRESS ATTACKS

Three other bomber formations were reported to have lashed at railway centers in Hazebrouck and Abbeville, shipyards near Rouen and the Cherbourg docks, respectively. A high-altitude fortress aircraft bombed objectives at the manufacturing and ship-building city of Emden while Blenheim bombers attacked a fish oil factory on the coast of Norway, the source said. It was the second daylight attack on Emden by an American-built fortress. The first was on July 26.

The bombing last night of Stettin, important German Baltic

supply base for the Russian campaign, was said by the Air Ministry to have been carried out by the light of the Aurora Borealis and to have resulted in many large fires among the docks, warehouses and railroad yards. The raid cost the British two planes, a ministry communique said.