

Enemy's Defences Light, R.C.A.F. Bombers Report

London, March 17.—(CP Cable) —R.C.A.F. flyers taking part in last night's bomber command attack on targets in France and Germany said to-day the enemy's defences were light except for searchlights. Sqdn. Ldr. David T. French, of this city, was among local and district men taking part.

A Halifax bomber flown by P.O. Bob Pratt, Toronto, was coned five times on its way to its target at Amiens, France.

Pathfinder markers fell directly on the railway tracks at Amiens, said Sqdn. Ldr. Hank Dow, of Toronto, a Bluenose squadron flight commander. "We could see bombs from an aircraft ahead of us fall away and strike in the railway yards," he said.

F.O. Doug Wiley, of London, Ont., a rear gunner in the Iroquois

squadron, saw several big explosions. He and his fellows in a Halifax bomber, including F.O. John Keane, of Orono, Ont., and F.O. Bill Roberts, of Salford, Ont., believed one explosion they saw was an ammunition train going up.

"It happened during our run-up and there were flashes all over the place like exploding ammunition," said Roberts.

"It was the best precision bombing I have seen in a long time," added F.O. Jack Barlow, of Ottawa, a Moose squadron bomb-aimer. "You could even see the bomb bursts going right through the target indicators."

P.O. George England, of Calgary, saw three big explosions reflected in the clouds as his Moose squadron Halifax approached the target area.

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