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Bremen Raid

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had previously notified their next of kin, Mrs. Mabel E. Higgins, Merkel, wife, and Mrs. Robert F. Wood Sr., Ballinger, mother, that they had been taken as prisoners.

Shot, Wounded

FORT WORTH, Dec. 22 —(AP)—Mrs. Katie Taylor Silva, 33, and L. A. Williams, 38, sister and brother, were wounded critically by shots fired from the rear seat of a car they were entering in the garage at their residence early today. Police, on information furnished by the wounded pair, were seeking a 44-year-old man.

BOMBING--

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to bomb through a layer of clouds.

The size of the losses on both sides indicated that today's operation was comparable in size with the Eighth Air Force's 500-bomber blow at Bremen Monday, when 40 Nazi planes were knocked down and 25 U. S. heavy bombers and eight fighters were lost.

The American raiding force today struck at a strongly defended area.

The Eighth Air Force disclosed today that the important German port of Kiel was attacked on Dec. 13 with 900 long tons of high explosives and incendiaries, and the British air ministry, issuing its first official report on damage to Berlin since the RAF began its sustained assault on Nov. 18, told of widespread destruction in the German capital, with the central government and outlying industrial areas getting the worst.

In the Kiel raid, which previously had been announced only as being against targets in Northwest Germany, bombs rained down on shipbuilding yards of the Duetsche Werk Kiel A. G. and turbine engine plant slipways and engineering works.

In the raid by American heavies over Germany today the first crews back reported only medium anti-aircraft fire as they approached their targets and bombed through the overcast. Knots of enemy fighters were adequately dealt with by the bombers' guns and escorting Thunderbolts and Lightnings.

The persistence with which the Eighth Air Force is returning to the region in which lie Emden, Bremen, Muenster and Wilhelmshaven indicates not only its military importance but that the Americans have been given the assignment to knock it out.

Eighth Air Force bombers were in action today after a day's lay-off from Monday's 500-bomber attack against the large shipbuilding center of Bremen.

The air ministry's report on damage to Berlin said that "photographs leave no doubt that damage during these six attacks goes far beyond anything done before the night of Nov. 18."

Previous reports already had shown that perhaps half of Berlin had been blasted in an assault which has far exceeded the London blitz of 1940-41.