

FREE FRENCH FORCES

Press Service states:-

"It may now be revealed that the Lorraine Squadron which is operating in the Libyan offensive under the command of Air Vice-Marshal Cunningham, effected a particularly heavy and successful raid on a German column of tanks on November 23.

The German column, which comprised about 100 tanks, was observed to the south of Tobruk. It was immediately attacked by Free French Bombers, and 30 German tanks were destroyed.

As a result of this attack British Military Units in the vicinity were able to conclude successfully an operation as planned, and the British Command have addressed its congratulations to the Free French Forces."

The Lorraine Squadron has been mentioned three times in official middle east communiques. It is commanded by Commandant Corniglion-Molinier who, at the age of 16, was the youngest fighter pilot in the last war. He destroyed 12 enemy planes and was awarded the Croix de Guerre. Since the war he broke the London-Capetown record with Jim Mollison. All the personnel of this Squadron are volunteers, and many of them have escaped from France or from enemy prison camps.

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