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FIGHTERS' BUSY DAY

As the first streak of dawn was spreading across the sky this morning, Spitfires of Fighter Command were on their way to France.

From then until dark the offensive was kept up almost without a stop. It was one of the busiest days for the Command since the Battle of Britain.

Many pilots were over enemy territory more than once in the day, but there were few combats.

The enemy fighters seen were nearly always in the minority and mostly kept away from our formations.

One Canadian Sergeant was in a dog fight with several Messerschmitts. He destroyed one and damaged another.

Twice in the morning bombers were safely escorted to and from targets as far inside France as London is from the South Coast.

Other fighters took a force of bombers to the Brest area, where an important aerodrome was successfully attacked.

In the evening our fighters were again over France in force.

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