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FIGHTER COMMAND'S LONGEST OFFENSIVE OF YEAR

Fighter Command to-day carried out its longest offensive so far this year.

Between 10 o'clock in the morning and 7.30 in the evening many squadrons of Spitfires were active. Four enemy fighters in all were shot down, others probably destroyed and damaged.

Three were shot down while attempting to interfere with a small force of bombers which our fighters were escorting to attack targets near Caen.

During the last sweep of the day, in which one enemy aircraft was destroyed, two American pilots were ordered from their squadron to attack eight Fw.190s which were flying several thousand feet below them. Each took his man, but they were unable to see the final results of their attacks, and claimed their opponents as damaged.

The enemy aircraft which was destroyed in this sweep was seen by its victor and a squadron leader to crash into the sea.

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