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MORE BLOWS BY INTRUDERS

Land and sea communications in France and the Low Countries were the latest targets of Fighter Command intruders during the night. Enemy airfields were also attacked.

At least 19 locomotives were damaged, a Ju.88 was destroyed over France, the airfields at Dijon and St. Dizier were bombed, and a blast furnace was attacked. Fighter bombers sank an enemy minesweeper and another vessel off the French coast and attacked a coaster in the Straits of Dover.

A Scottish flight-sergeant, flying a Hurricane, sank two ships. He discovered a convoy of 15 E-boats and two minesweepers near Le Treport and, in the face of flak from the convoy and the shore, bombed and wrecked the leading sweeper. Then he successfully attacked one of the E-boats, seeing it roll over and sink, giving off smoke.

One Mosquito shot up 8 locomotives in Central France, penetrating as far as the Rhone valley. The pilot reported afterwards that he wrecked one train and there was a big explosion in the middle of it.

The pilot who attacked the blast furnace, in the St. Omer area, saw his bombs hit the target.

Our fighters returned safely from all these operations.

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