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INTRUDER SCORES TWICE - IN GERMANY

When a Mosquito pilot of Fighter Command shot down two enemy aircraft over their bases in Germany during the night, he saw one of them burn for 20 minutes on the ground.

"This was the first I attacked", the pilot, a Cambridge born Squadron-Leader of a R.C.A.F. squadron said. My cannon fire hit it all over the place. It exploded in mid-air, and, as I toured around for 20 minutes looking for something else to attack, it was still burning on the ground."

He flew on further into Germany and came across more enemy aircraft landing at their bases. One Dornier 217 he chased round the side of its airfield only 300 feet above the ground. When he opened fire it flicked on to its back and then hit the ground with a terrific explosion.

The victor of these combats is S/Ldr. R.J. Bennel, who was an oil engineer in Venezuela, when war broke out. He resigned, travelled by freighter to New York and went to Ottawa where he joined the R.C.A.F. His home is at Nuneaton.

Other Fighter Command intruders bombed airfields and railways during the night while Fleet Air Arm Albacores were active against enemy shipping in the Channel, one minesweeper and an E-boat being sunk.

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