

FOUR F.W.190s DESTROYED

Four F.W.190s were destroyed and a number of others severely damaged by Spitfires and Typhoons of Fighter Command on offensive patrols in the Griz Nez area just before dusk last evening. One F.W. destroyed was the first victim of a Norwegian pilot - and it came on the third anniversary of the German invasion of Norway. All our aircraft returned safely.

Two of the F.Ws fell to the West Lancashire squadron which attacked eight enemy aircraft. The squadron leader saw two of the German fighters making for the French coast. "I opened fire with cannon and machine-gun on the first F.W. and continued firing as I closed in," he said on his return. "The F.W. burst into flames."

He then attacked the second enemy aircraft, but without seeing decisive results. As he broke off the combat he saw the first F.W. dive into the sea.

Another Spitfire pilot chased two F.Ws and, describing his combat said, "I opened fire with a long burst of cannon and machine-gun at the second Hun which caught fire and blew up."

A sergeant pilot of a Typhoon who destroyed his first enemy aircraft only a few weeks ago, secured his second when he pounced on five F.W.s flying low about a mile east of Griz Nez.

"I lived on the last one," he said, "gave it three short bursts. The Hun pulled up and the undercarriage dropped off. Then other bits peeled away and the aircraft turned on its side. After that the pilot baled out and the F.W. went into the sea."

Another combat which began at almost zero ft. also ended with the German pilot baling out after he had climbed steeply. After a chase, the Typhoon got within range and fired several short bursts. "The machine went on its back," said the pilot, "and the Hun jettisoned his hood and jumped out."

Typhoons of another squadron after a combat with F.W.s which they damaged and dispersed "like scalded cats" turned their cannon and machine-guns on three mine-sweepers off Le Havre. Many strikes were observed on the vessels.

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