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MORE SUCCESSES FOR INTRUDERS

Two enemy aircraft, an Mc. 110 and an Mc. 210, were destroyed by intruder aircraft of Fighter Command during patrols over a wide area of Holland and France during the night.

Other aircraft, including Mosquitos, Bostons and Beaufighters, bombed an airfield and attacked rail communications.

The Mc. 110 was shot down by a Beaufighter in Holland. The Beaufighter had been patrolling near an airfield for half-an-hour without seeing any enemy aircraft, and the crew had almost given up hope of a combat, when the Mc. 110 was sighted. The Mc. began to climb, but the Beaufighter followed and fired three short bursts from cannon and machine-guns. Strikes were seen all over the fuselage, and the Beaufighter's third burst, from very short range, set both engines of the Mc. on fire. The enemy aircraft dived in flames and exploded on the ground.

The Mc. 210 was also shot down in Holland by a Sergeant Pilot of a Mosquito squadron. It was his second success in just over three weeks. The Sergeant attacked with a three-second's burst, closing to within short range of his target. The enemy caught fire in the starboard engine and crashed to the ground.

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