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ANOTHER THREE ENEMY AIRCRAFT DESTROYED

After their victory in their sweep this morning when they brought down nine enemy aircraft, Fighter Command Spitfires gained another success this afternoon, when they destroyed three F.W.190s -- without loss.

This time the victors were Royal Norwegian Air Force pilots, part of the Allied and Dominion force which gave cover to U.S.A.A.F. Fortresses attacking targets in Western Germany.

As the Norwegians escorted the Fortresses over Douai they saw two formations of F.W.190s about to attack and dived on them.

A Norwegian lieutenant shot down two of the F.W.'s and a major destroyed the other.

"Although the German fighters were well positioned in two formations of about 15 each, one at 25,000 feet and the other at 27,000 feet between the 'boxes' of Fortresses, they did not have a chance to attack the bombers", the lieutenant said. "We were above, and the scrap was all over in a minute, with the remaining F.W.190s diving away over France.

"Pilots in another Norwegian squadron saw one F.W.190 receive a direct hit by its own flak, which was aimed at us. Members of our other squadrons saw the fighter hit. Its propeller stopped and the aircraft went into an uncontrollable dive. Its end was not observed, however, and it cannot be claimed as destroyed".

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