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TYPHOONS BOMB GERMAN WARSHIPS

Four enemy destroyers were attacked near St. Malo this afternoon by Typhoon bombers of Fighter Command.

Escorting Typhoon fighters reported seeing direct hits on three destroyers. A small tanker alongside one of the warships was blown up.

The Typhoon bombers, led by Squadron-Leader A.V.Gowers, D.F.C., of Chelmsford, found the ships spread over an area of about a mile inside the river Rance, on the north bank of which St. Malo stands.

"As soon as we spotted them", Squadron Leader Gowers said, "we selected our targets and went straight away into a dive at them. Flak did not start to come up, as far as I could see, until we had pulled out at just about sea level. Then there was some fire from the shore and the ships, but none of us was hit.

"We could not see the result of the bombing ourselves, but the escorting Typhoon pilots reported direct hits on three of the destroyers".

None of our aircraft was lost.

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