

FIGHTER PILOTS DESTROY FOUR JUs.

Ground staff at a fighter station of Air Defence of Great Britain saw two of last night's German raiders, both JUs, caught by searchlights and held relentlessly for miles.

Both were intercepted and shot down by fighter crews from the station. One of them fell to W/Cndr. Charles Miller, D.F.C. and two Bars, an ex-bomber pilot, a native of Kildare, Eire, whose home is at Melton, Suffolk.

This was his first enemy destruction with his present squadron since being appointed to command it in February. Previously he was a flying instructor and had served in the Mediterranean campaign.

He and his observer 'bagged' a Ju.188 last night. The other aircraft, a Ju.88, was shot down a few miles from the airfield by P/O. John Allen, of Alresford, Winchester. It was his first victory.

Allen said early today: "The visibility was perfect, and as I came in towards the searchlights I could see the German cross on the Ju, which was coming head-on and jinking about pretty hard. I turned in behind him and tried one burst of fire, then I closed in and hit him with two bursts. That was all there was to it".

Allen drove over to see the wreckage of his victim this morning.

Another Ju.88 was shot down after a chase by an A.D.G.B. night-fighter crew of considerable experience - S/Ldr. Wilfrith Green, D.F.C. of Beaconsfield, Bucks, and his observer, Warrant-Officer Arthur Grimstone, D.F.M. a native of Camberwell.

After S/Ldr. Green had fired one burst at the Ju. it peeled steeply away and took violent evasive action. Three times the pilot lost his quarry but he managed to get his gun sights on it again and to fire twice as it twisted and turned. The fourth burst was the last. The Ju. dived in flames.

An R.C.A.F. pilot of A.D.G.B., F/Off. R.L. Snowden, of Ottawa, scored his first victory when he sent a Ju.188 crashing to the ground. This enemy aircraft had also been caught by searchlights.

NOTE TO EDITORS: Photograph of S/Ldr. Green already available at P.M.A.No.CH.9534.
