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TROOP CARRIER SHOT DOWN

During sorties by Fighter Command Spitfires and Whirlwinds and Mustangs of Army Co-operation Command over enemy territory yesterday, a Me.109 and a Ju.52 troop carrier were shot down, and railway engines and barges were damaged.

The two enemy aircraft fell to the guns of one Mustang within two minutes over Northern Holland. Other pilots saw one of the crew of the troop carrier making frantic but/successful efforts to escape as it crashed. Then the Mustangs went on towards Den Helder, where they attacked and set on fire two small supply ships.

Fierce flak met three Spitfires which attacked goods trains in Dunkirk. "Everything opened up at us" said one of the pilots. They also hit with cannon fire barges which were loading at a canal wharf, gun posts and a searchlight position.