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Our fighters yesterday afternoon carried out an offensive operation on a large scale over Northern France. A shall force of bombers was escorted to Hazebrouck where the railway yards were bombed. Our fighters destroyed eight enemy fighters in combat, five of them during a preliminary sweep of the target area and three more during an unsuccessful attack by the enemy on our returning bombers.

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Five of our fighters are missing from this operation and a sixth is missing from an offensive patrol later in the day.