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GERMAN SEAPLANES DESTROYED.

An attempt to ram his adversaries was made by the pilot of a German seaplane after he had been intercepted by British fighters. The stratagem was unsuccessful, and the enemy aircraft, plunging seaward, was last seen to hit the waves with its floats, bounce into the air, turn over, and dive into the water nose first.

The seaplane was one of two which were encountered by British fighters when crossing the Channel to engage in an offensive operation over enemy territory.

"A general fight ensued," said one of the fighter pilots afterwards, "and one of the seaplanes crashed into the sea.

"After he had been disposed of, we concentrated on the other fellow, who used violent evasive tactics but was too heavily engaged to make his getaway. Unable to shake off the attackers, he tried to ram myself and another of our machines. This brought him to close quarters and my last attack was delivered from a distance of about twenty yards. The seaplane hood was smashed and I caught a glimpse of the rear gunner slumped in his seat before the aircraft plunged down and went into the water nose first."

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