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MORNING ATTACK ON NORTHERN FRANCE

Early this morning, Mitchells, Bostons and Mosquitos of the 2nd Tactical Air Force crossed the Channel to attack military targets in Northern France. The weather was ideal for the accurate bombing which is necessary on these targets.

Crews of the Fighting French Lorraine Boston squadron, a Dutch Mitchell squadron and a Polish Mosquito squadron, took part in widespread attacks, along with R.A.F. squadrons of these medium and light bombers.

Today, the crews saw no enemy fighters. This has become the usual experience over France when our bombers are well escorted by fighters. In some areas, heavy flak was encountered. The bombing was good, among the best attacks being those by a Polish Mosquito squadron.

Many of the crews of the other bombers also saw their bombs burst on the target.

R.A.F., New Zealand, and Belgian Spitfires flew escort and fighter umbrellas.

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