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BROKE HIS BACK - BUT STILL FIGHTING

Lifted from the wreckage of a crashed twin-engined aircraft a Polish ferry pilot was taken to hospital, suffering from a fractured spine, a fractured thigh, and serious head injuries.

Like many other pilots injured in this war, he thought his flying days were over. Instead he has made such a remarkable recovery that he has been allowed to transfer from ferry piloting to a crack Polish fighter squadron in Britain's front line. He celebrated his return to fighting - he flew fighters in Poland - by damaging an F.W.190 a few days ago.

"As I lay encased in plaster for thirteen weeks," he says, "I thought I had flown for the last time. But when I came out of hospital, nearly five months after the crash, I proved to the Medical Board that I was perfectly fit to fly again. I was delighted when the Board allowed me to return to flying, and even more pleased when I was permitted to join my present squadron.

"When I first left the hospital my mended thigh ached if I flew for more than an hour. But I have done exercises every day since, and now I am as well as I was before the crash."
