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NINE VESSELS DAMAGED IN THE CHANNEL

Typhoons of Fighter Command, led by the New Zealander, Squadron-Leader D. Scott, D.F.C. and bar, swooped on a small <sup>supply</sup> ship and its escort off Le Havre late yesterday evening, damaging the vessel and seven of its escort of E-boats.

The ship was left on fire astern, after cannon shells had apparently exploded the ammunition of her stern gun and set it ablaze. One of the escort ships was also left burning.

The Typhoons made individual attacks from all quarters for five minutes and at heights as low as 20 feet in the face of intense flak. All the Typhoons returned safely to base.

Later naval aircraft, operating with Fighter Command, sought and bombed the E-boat pack in the darkness. At least one of the vessels was hit.

One of our aircraft is missing.

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