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MUSTANGS ATTACK GERMAN AIRFIELD

Diving through cloud, drizzle and fierce Anti-Aircraft fire to investigate a German airfield yesterday evening near Wilhelmshaven, four R.A.F. Mustang pilots of the Second Tactical Air Force were disappointed to find no enemy aircraft on the ground.

But as they were returning the fire of the gun pits, one of them saw a pile of boxes and gave it a burst for luck.

A moment later, there was a deafening explosion, a spurt of flame 200 feet high, and clouds of smoke rising to a height of 1,500 feet.

The Pilot, Flying Officer "Hank" Smith, of Mapplewell, near Barnsley, Yorks, said: "It must have been a dump, either petrol or explosive."

Some pilots shot up two goods trains on German territory. Hits were registered on the engines of both. And one, which was attacked by Flying Officer M.H. Pinches of Much Wenlock, Shropshire, stopped dead, puffing clouds of steam.

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