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FIGHTERS SHOOT DOWN FOUR RAIDERS

The four F.W.190 raiders destroyed off the S.E. coast late this evening all fell to Spitfire pilots of the Nigeria squadron of Fighter Command.

The C.O. of the squadron, S/Ldr. R.H. Harries, who was leading a formation of four pilots, himself shot down two. He has just been awarded a Bar to his D.F.C.

Three of the four F.Ws. which were flying towards the coast jettisoned their bombs when they saw the Spitfires coming.

S/Ldr. Harries said afterwards: "We were flying off the S.E. coast when we suddenly saw the F.Ws. and all went after them. A Fighting French member of the squadron was the first to score. Then I got two, seeing both of them go into the sea. Afterwards we just orbited and came home".

The intelligence officer at the fighter station from which the Nigerian squadron is flying said: "I heard the whole action on the pilots' radio. All their comments, came over clearly and it was very exciting".

"The Fighting French pilot went into battle whistling the Marseillaise as hard as he could, then I heard one pilot after another, say, 'I've got one!'"

S/Ldr. Harries, who was born in South Wales and whose home is now in London, was a medical student at Guy's Hospital before he joined the R.A.F.V.R. in 1939 as an A.C.2. He played rugby for Guy's. The S/Ldr. has now destroyed at least eight enemy aircraft, not counting one he shared with another pilot and several "probables".

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