

SQUADRON'S CENTURY

An R.A.F. Mosquito squadron last night destroyed its hundredth aircraft. The successful pilot was the commander, Wing-Commander B.R. HOARE, D.S.O., D.F.C. and bar.

He was on intruder patrol over Belgium when he saw a JU.188 crossing in front of him. He followed and gave it two three-second bursts.

Wing-Commander HOARE saw strikes on the fuselage. The aircraft crashed to the ground, sending up showers of sparks which he at first thought to be flak.

This is Wing-Commander HOARE'S 8th victory, and, just as his squadron has achieved the century of destructions, he himself is nearing that mark in night sorties.

Wing-Commander HOARE, a native of BRIGHTON and educated at WYE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, took over the squadron last SEPTEMBER from Wing-Commander C.D. TOMALIN, whose observer, Flying-Officer MUIR, was flying last night with the new squadron commander.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF WING COMMANDER TOMALIN AVAILABLE AT B.I.P.P.A.

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