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TWO RAIDERS DESTROYED

A wing commander and a squadron leader of Fighter Command who have both twice won the D.F.C. each shot down an enemy bomber off the east coast last night.

One fell to Wing Commander H.P.Pleasance, who was awarded the D.F.C. in June 1940 for sterling work in the battle of France. In one fight he was wounded in the leg but landed safely in enemy occupied territory and made his way to Rouen to report after burning his aircraft. He won the bar to his D.F.C. for "magnificent work in the cause of night flying operations".

The other raider fell to Squadron Leader J.R.V.Braham. His victim, which brings his total to eight, was a Dornier 217, which exploded in mid-air after he had attacked it and was afterwards seen burning on the sea. Squadron Leader Braham won his D.F.C. in January 1941 and the bar last November.