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R.A.F. WITHDRAWAL SUPPORT FOR FORTRESSES

Besides the escorting of the U.S. Marauders on their many attacks on military targets in northern France today, R.A.F. aircraft provided withdrawal support for American Fortresses and Liberators which bombed Germany.

These were long-range Mustangs, and although they saw several enemy aircraft in the distance, they were not called on to fight.

At one point on the route they flew through intense heavy flak but not a single R.A.F. Mustang was lost. Two escorted a lone Liberator back from inside Germany.

In morning and afternoon attacks on French coast military targets, R.A.F., Allied and Dominion Mosquitos successfully bombed their objectives. One pilot said afterwards, "I saw a stick of bombs straddle across the target", and another remarked, "We destroyed a good portion of one building." Not one of these light bombers was lost.

From these attacks, including the escorting of some 300 Marauders, one Typhoon is missing.

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