

MOSQUITOS AS NIGHT INTRUDERS

Aircraft of Fighter Command made deep and widespread penetrations into enemy-occupied territory last night, and some of them went as far as North West Germany to attack trains.

The night's bag for a Mosquito pilot was two enemy aircraft destroyed, one locomotive destroyed and three locomotives damaged. Altogether over a dozen trains were attacked and most of them damaged.

Mosquitos have now been in use in Fighter Command as night intruders for some months. They have already destroyed a number of enemy aircraft over their own bases in occupied territory. The Mosquito has also enabled pilots of Fighter Command to carry their night attacks on enemy communications well into Germany.

Last night's success was scored by a Mosquito which encountered the two enemy aircraft circuiting the aerodrome at Avord between Nevers and Moulins. They were flying at between 1,000 ft, and 15,000 ft., but after the Mosquito's cannon attack they were seen burning on the ground.

One of the most successful train sorties was made by a Polish pilot near Bourges, in France, after which he was able to claim two goods trains destroyed. His first attack resulted in a very big explosion which lit up the area. He made five separate attacks with his cannon on another train and left the engine and all the trucks ablaze on a bridge.

Whirlwind bombers of Fighter Command were also active last night and destroyed an enemy E boat and damaged two others between Le Touquet and Berck. The pilots went in low, before dropping their bombs. One of the pilots saw a "dull red explosion" which indicated that his target had blown up.

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