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SQUADRON GETS FOUR IN "INTRUDERS' MOON"

Home based fighters turned what was once known as "Bombers' Moon" into "Intruders' Moon" last night.

Flying over clearly lit bases on the Continent two aircraft of the same squadron, shot down four enemy aircraft. Three of these fell to F/Lt. A.D. Wagner D.F.C., of Croydon, and his observer, F/O Orringe.

Early today F/Lt. Wagner said: "I chased another one and hit him with our last few rounds of ammunition, but our windscreen was covered with oil from one of the three we had destroyed and so we could not assess the damage".

One of F/Lt. Wagner's victims blew up when he closed to less than 50 yards to attack. The night's successes brought his total of sorties against the enemy to nearly 140 and his 'bag' of enemies destroyed to eight - including two Japanese bombers which he shot down while he was serving in Ceylon.

Wagner was born in 1914 and is an old boy of Whitgift Grammar School, Croydon.

The Squadron's fourth fell to a second pilot shortly after he had been coned by searchlights and fired at from the ground.

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