

A communique issued early this Evening on daylight attacks by the German Air Force today, announces the destruction of 18 enemy planes at a cost of 5 lost by the R A F, 3 of our pilots being saved.

The bulletin continues:- "Enemy aircraft crossed the Dorset coast today, & attacked Bristol. Bombs were dropped near the coast & in the outskirts of Bristol, causing some damage & killing & injuring a number of people. There was also some minor activity in the southeast coast of England, but reports indicate little damage & few casualties. The enemy were engaged by our fighters at all points. Of the 18 enemy planes shot down, 13 were bombers.

A further Air Ministry communique issued tonight states that it is now known that 23 enemy planes have been destroyed today, 3 of them by A/A Units. One of our fighters previously reported lost is safe, our losses being 4 fighter planes - the pilots of 3 of them being safe.

In extensive operations against the enemy on Tuesday night, which included a long raid on Berlin, the details of which are already known, as well as a continuation of systematic attacks against enemy invasion ports, only 2 of our planes were lost. Finkenheers electric power station near Frankfurtonoder, more than 300 miles from Germany's western frontier was twice attacked with H E bombs, which were seen to burst in & around the target. The main railway line near Magdeburg, & rail depot at Hamm as well as other objectives were also bombed.

German long range gun positions at Cape Gris Nez were attacked & a number of hits registered on new emplacements under construction. A German supply ship was sunk near the Frisian Islands. Brest was again attacked, & Infantry Barracks, railway sidings & docks were hit. At Cherbourg, in spite of poor visibility, all objectives were found, and hits registered.

H M Minister at Helsingfors has been instructed to protest strongly to the Finnish Govt against their action in agreeing to allow German troops to pass through Finland on their way to Northern Norway. Finland's action is a breach of neutrality & of International Law.

Gifts towards the purchase of aircraft include £16,886 from the people of the Southern province of N Z & £10,000 from the people of Tasmania. N Z Officers have cabled congratulating Lieut Davies Davies and party on their work in removing the bomb which threatened St Pauls Cathedral.

Selfridges is among the department stores damaged by enemy night bombs. The Indian Students Hostel has also been damaged.

Mrs. Allen, Ship's Sister, won the sweep on the Ship's daily run - her number, 313, was a rank outsider - your shout, Mrs. Allen.

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Many thanks to the two Q M S's who entertained troops in the forward Canteen on Sunday night.

Where does a certain officer get his sewing done, & are they stiches of love?

We trust that a certain R S M's eye is progressing favourably under the treatment being received.

A N S W E R S T O C O R R E S P O N D E N T S

- (Scotty T) No, we can't suggest any cure for a hangover that has lasted two days.
 - (Sjt G R) No, we shouldn't worry, its the heat, not work, that's taking the weight off.
 - (Paddy R) Sorry, we don't know where you could get sufficient gin to bath in, as per "SERIAL WAVES" 21 Sep.
 - (W A G) No, a lieutenant is not a person who has not paid his rent.
 - (Mouse) No. The only thing we can suggest is that you go back into long trousers.
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