

## British Pilot Rams Bomber, Takes Tail Off, Loses Life

London, Sept. 27 (CP).—Illustrating the official view that the defense of the metropolis has been extraordinarily successful, the Air Ministry declared tonight that of 180 German planes that crossed the Kentish coast in the day's first big offensive wave, only thirty — all fighters—got through to London, the bombers having been turned back.

One of the most dramatic incidents of the day was reported from the coast near Beachy Head. Watchers there saw a British pilot apparently deliberately ram a German Junkers plane, tearing off its tail, at the cost of his own life.

Residents in the vicinity of Kinneridge, Southwest England, saw the destruction of three enemy planes, one of which exploded in mid-air "like a ball of fire, from which thousands of sparks appeared to be thrown," it was stated. Three other aircraft were reported downed further westward.

Spectators crowded the streets of

the Wareham district, also in the southwest, and cheered when three Nazis were brought down during a tremendous air battle over the Dorset coast.

Watching at Hastings saw two planes, one of them a bomber, come down. One of Germany's latest four-engined bombers crashed at East Grinstead, in the southeast, with a Spitfire at its tail.

*[Handwritten notes and scribbles, including the word "Bomber" and other illegible markings.]*