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# 600 DOWN—PILOTS WIN A SPECIAL PRIZE

**T**WO Spitfire pilots who destroyed a Messerschmitt 109 on Saturday night brought the total "bag" of their Fighter Command station up to 600.

And their victory won them a prize subscribed by men of the station squadrons and ground staff.

The pilots—credited with half a Nazi each—will share the prize, and are to give a party to the rest of the pilots.

One of the pilots is a 22-years-old D.F.G. flight commander, with a score of 11½ Germans to his credit. The other, a 26-years-old pilot officer with the D.F.C. and bar, has a score of 19½. This officer, formerly on a London evening

newspaper, was in an auxiliary squadron at the beginning of the war, and recently shot down five planes in a day.

Since Dunkirk the two have fought side by side over France and in the Battle of Britain.

On Saturday they engaged the Messerschmitt—one of five brought down that day—seven miles up. Both got in bursts. The Messerschmitt crashed near Dungeness. Its pilot was captured.

Fighters from the same station yesterday began piling up their seventh century.

One squadron shot down four Messerschmitt 109s out of the station's bag of eight—all destroyed over the south-east coast.

B.M.N. rota

Fri. shift

✓ 7 hrs x Applied

Hold V hrs.