

with planes from dawn till dusk, both  
ours + the enemy's. We were bombed  
during the afternoon: the planes  
came diving out of the sun +  
we saw the bombs falling like  
footballs. I fell into my  
trench when I saw them coming  
our way. They hit some two  
hundred yards further on +  
kicked up a lot of smoke +  
dust. This morning a German  
fighter was shot down a short  
distance away. We cheered  
when we saw it hit.

About 35 German tanks were