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CAIRO, Nov. 2—Waves of British and French bombers and fighters blasted Cairo and outlying villages today. An Egyptian communiqué said 100 persons had been killed in one town alone.

Simultaneously, President Gamal Abdel Nasser announced that Egyptian forces in the Sinai desert had "completed their withdrawal safely."

"Now we are waiting for the British and French in the delta," he said. Only "suicide commandos" had been left in Sinai to harass the advancing Israeli forces, he added.

The communiqué asserted that fourteen British and French planes had been shot down in today's raids. An earlier communiqué had claimed three kills in the last twenty-four hours in addition to six reported downed yesterday morning. This would

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SHELL BURST IN EGYPT: An Israeli Army sergeant operating a walkie-talkie radio watches an artillery bombardment during offensive against Egyptians on Sinai Peninsula.

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make a total of twenty-three planes since Wednesday.

Two British jets made the first low-level run over downtown Cairo today. They ran into heavy anti-aircraft fire. One was hit and crashed outside the city.

Thousands in the street saw the jet hit and started cheering and shouting.

Another jet was reported downed by flack near Shoubrah. A formation of Egyptian MIG's swept over Cairo as soon as the anti-aircraft fire ceased.

The Cairo news agency said nine planes were shot down today over Cairo, two over Alexandria, two over Port Said and one near Rasheed on the tip of the Nile Delta.

Despite the almost non-stop flights of the raiders, the replying anti-aircraft batteries and the air raid sirens, the citizens of this sprawling city of 3,000,000 were showing remarkable calmness. There had been fifty-five alerts up to 6 P. M., but the people had stopped counting them.

The air raid communiqué said the raids today killed 104 persons and injured forty.

President Nasser announced the return of the Sinai forces in a talk to a crowd at the Al Azhar University mosque after Friday prayers.

"Egypt has always been a tomb for the invaders," he said. "All empires have vanished and crumbled when they attacked Egypt."

In another development, the Cairo radio reported that Egypt had seized 450 Britons in the Suez Canal zone. It called them "British Army officers in civilian clothes."

Authorities have "detained all the British experts and their assistants who were in the Canal zone in accordance with the evacuation agreement," the broadcast said.

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