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Since proving it to Harris a week earlier in a raid against the , 5 Group had been given a measure of autonomy from the rest of Bomber Command. . Narrowly avoiding being failed at primary flying school for low flying, Currie earned his wings and returned to the UK in late 1942 and was posted to Bomber Command with the rank of sergeant.

460 Squadron RAAF

The crew consisted of one officer; the navigator, Pilot Officer Cassidy and six NCOs; Sergeant Currie pilot , Flight Sergeant Myring bomb aimer , Sergeant Walker flight engineer , Sergeant Fairbairn wireless operator , Sergeant Protheroe mid upper gunner and Sergeant Lanham rear gunner. ISBN 0 85979 109 2. Remaining over the target until the last bombs had been dropped, the aircraft of Deputy Controller Sparks was caught by a night fighter and shot down.

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There is a Panzer unit located at an old French training camp, and the RAF schedules it for pinpoint bombing.

Bombardment of Mailly

The point of an attack plan is to get the aircraft over the target and out of the danger area in the shortest amount of time possible.

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Deane tried an alternate method by Morse code through his wireless operator's set which proved useless as it was found to be incorrectly tuned.

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