

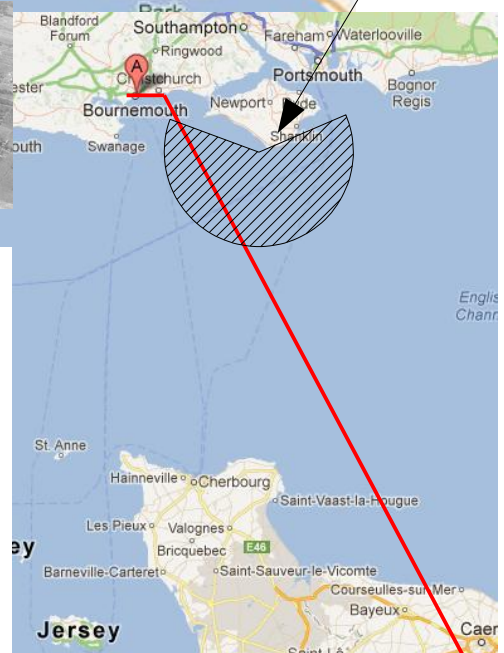


Depart Carpiquet Caen 12.30
 Flight distance 126 miles
 Attack Bournemouth 13:00
 Return Carpiquet 13:35

Aircraft shown as Spitfire vb a rare colour picture from 1942 and the Focke Wulf Fw190

The SpitfireVb was outclassed by the Fw190 with its large and powerful air cooled engine.

Low flying aircraft are difficult to detect on radar and by the time the raid had been reported and the Spitfires scrambled from RAF Ibsley the RAF aircraft could not catch the hit and run raid.



A 10cm wavelength Chain Home Low radar was active at Ventnor. On May 23rd twenty aircraft were detected flying at 50 feet, at a range of 34 miles, that were identified one minutes later as hostile