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On 5 June 1944, I was leading Floral yellow Flight. We attacked a secondary target and Floral white Flight attacked the primary target. When we pulled off the target, I sighted white Flight and rejoined them above the overcast. Floral WHITE two reported that he had been hit by flak as Floral white Leader and Floral white Three stayed with him. I had Floral yellow Three with me only, and we climbed about 6,000 feet above white Flight. Floral Leader instructed me to get emergency fixes from control and Floral yellow Three turned on his emergency IFF. I obtained numerous fixes from Kingsley.

Floral white Two bailed out and white Flight circled him until he disappeared into the overcast and then returned to base because they were low on gasoline. Floral yellow One and Three circled what we estimated as the spot last sighted above the overcast.

We had thought Floral white Two was over the Channel, but control now informs us he was still over the continent.

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