



ANDREW. Commander Colin Franklin, Lieutenant David Battersby.

*They salute STAGG.*

FRANKLIN. How can we help?

*STAGG leads them to the chart.*

STAGG. L7 has slowed. I need to know how much. What have we got in the area?

FRANKLIN. Weather Obs has two launch sites on Newfoundland: 'C-har' and 'F-lab'. They're transmitting readings every 1000 feet up to 50,000. They're coming in at 0100, 0700, 1300 and 1800 hours.

*STAGG checks his watch.*

STAGG. The next readings are in five hours?

FRANKLIN. Yes, sir.

STAGG. Too late. Can you get me data outside synoptic hours? I need the information *now*.

FRANKLIN. I can try.

STAGG. Help yourself to a telephone.

*FRANKLIN sits and picks up a phone.*

*(To BATTERSBY.)* Weather ships?

BATTERSBY. Three of any use. Two American, one Canadian.

FRANKLIN (*on phone*). Could you give me radio soundings from 'C-har' or 'F-lab'? We need them now. Anything is valuable.

BATTERSBY *locates the weather ships' positions on the chart.*

BATTERSBY. *Dog's* the closest. She must be near the eye of the storm. *Baker* is about six hundred miles north, and *How* is... here about five hundred miles south.

STAGG. Good. I want all their latest surface readings and any radio soundings they've got. Tell them we need them immediately.

BATTERSBY. Will do.

FRANKLIN *and BATTERSBY are now on the phone.*  
FRANKLIN *is already getting feedback.*

FRANKLIN (*hand over the receiver*). 'C-har's strongest upper wind was measured at 0830 hours – 310 degrees, 110 knots at 30,000.

STAGG. A drop of 30 knots in 8 hours. Andrew, get onto the weather ship east of Cork, get their latest speed for the jet stream.

FRANKLIN. 'F-lab' coming through... 0845 hours – 270 degrees, 85 knots at 25,000.

STAGG. Slowing.

BATTERSBY (*on phone*). Soundings for *Baker*, *Dog* and *How*, please.

FRANKLIN (*on phone*)....yes...

FRANKLIN *is writing down figures.* ANDREW *picks up a phone.* BATTERSBY *waves a piece of paper in the air.* KAY *takes it and delivers it to STAGG.* STAGG *reads the figures.*

BATTERSBY (*on phone*). *Dog*: 250 degrees, 90 knots at 20,000...

STAGG. Slowing.

ANDREW (on phone). 51.3 north, 12.5 west... 95 knots at 28,000...

BATTERSBY (on phone). Baker: 230 degrees, 85 knots at 25,000...

FRANKLIN (on phone). 90 knots, 15,000, 85 knots, 20,000...

STAGG. Definitely slowing!

BATTERSBY (on phone). 260 degrees, 102 knots at 18,000.

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[REDACTED] into an

[REDACTED] then goes to STAGG.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

KRICK. The coast drifting away from the triple point.

[REDACTED] pressure 978. What do

[REDACTED]

STAGG. Lieutenant... tell General Eisenhower I need

[REDACTED] Urgently.

[REDACTED] They

[REDACTED] make further adjustment

[REDACTED] The storm outside

[REDACTED]

ANDREW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] he struggles to control it.