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Dear Mr. Duwey,

Thank you for your letter about Aviatik C.I
227/16 w/N 832. The "832" was burned into the
spar by a member of Übernahms Kommission No. 4
a section of the idflieg Zentral Abnahme Kommission.

The serial number and work number correspondence
is correct, because I have another Aviatik C.I
231/16, w/N 836 which matches nicely with your
aircraft.

I do not have any further information, except
I am sure it was not shot down at night.
In 1916 there were few, if any, single-engine
night flights of any kind. I am sure that
the description in the ell. London News is
correct, it was a daytime raid for sure.

On the 19th of May only two Fliegertruppe
members were killed:

Hptm. Rudolf Rockstroh FA 6 at Zonnebeke
Uffz. Willi Stromberg FA 6 " "

(Casualties of the German Air Service 1914-1920
Franks, Bailey, Duwey p. 187)

These two casualties seem to fit the data.

So what you have is

Avialik C.I 227/16 W/N 832

and pretty certain that it was flown by the
member of FA 6. The German casualty list
says Rockstroh was shot down "east of
Lounelike" on 19 May 1916.

Thank you for sending me the photographs.

I wish you good luck on your restorations
and all the best for 2004 !!

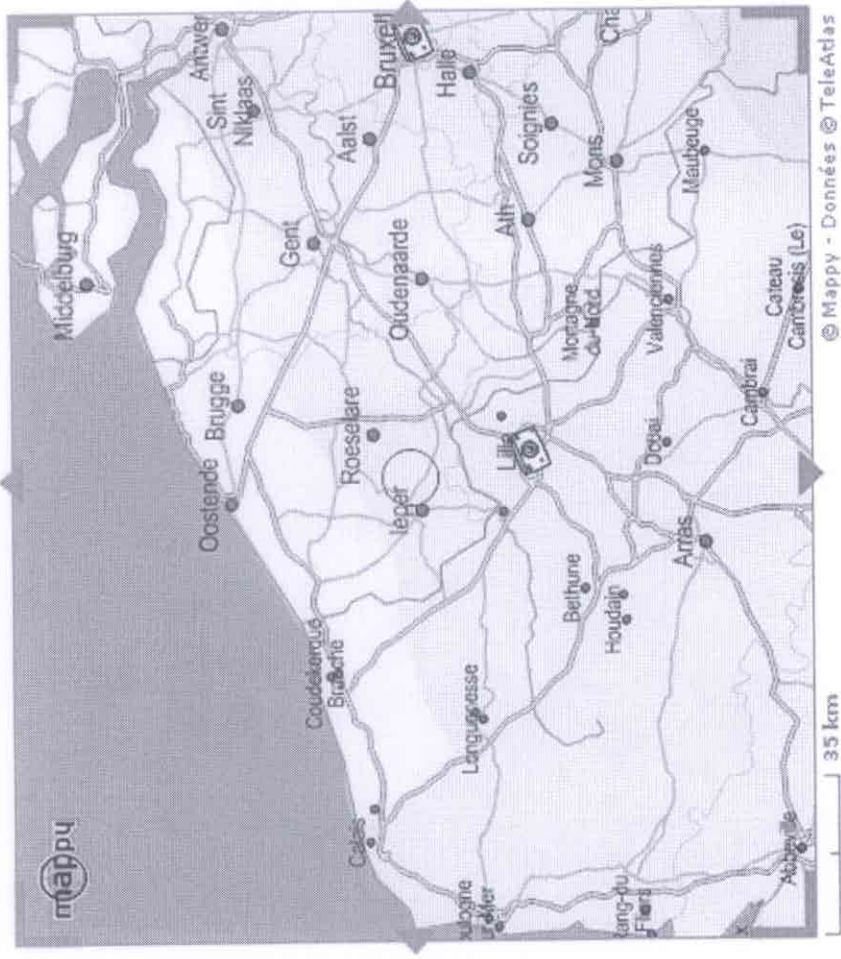
Sincerely

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