

NEW RELEASE FROM
MARK POSTLETHWAITE GAvA



„Flug zum Absprungplatz“
(müßte eigentlich heißen „Flug zum Abflugplatz“)

Junkers 188s of I/KG6 transiting from Chievres, Belgium to Münster-Handorf before their night bombing raid on London, 15th October 1943.

Five Ju 88s took off headed for London that night but only two returned. The bombers had been unlucky enough to run into the Mosquito night fighters of 85 Squadron. Leutnant Karl Geyr and his crew in 3E+HH were attacked just after leaving London. With the fuel tanks on fire and all but the pilot wounded, the bomber spiralled out of control and crashed near Birchington in Kent. It was only the second Ju 88 to fall on British soil, the first being Hauptmann Waldecker's aircraft a few minutes earlier. Sadly, only Karl Geyr survived the crash and it is he who has signed this edition. Herr Geyr helped a lot with the research into the painting including his distinct recollection that on these first missions the aircraft flew with the standard pale blue undersurfaces, a fact that he suggests contributed to their demise!

Limited Edition 350 plus 30 Artist's Proofs.

Overall size 25" x 18" (ca. 63 cm x 45 cm), Image size 23" x 15" (ca. 58 cm x 38 cm).

Signed by Leutnant Karl Geyr

THE ARTIST

Mark Postlethwaite is one of the leading young professional Aviation Artists in the world today. His originals and prints hang in private and public collections worldwide including the RAF Museum in London where he became the first ever Artist in Residence back in 1987. In 1991 he became the youngest person ever to be elected to Full Membership of the Guild of Aviation Artists. Shortly afterwards, he left his career as a photographer to concentrate on painting professionally. Since then over 80 of his paintings have been reproduced as limited edition fine art prints, many now only available on the secondary market. He has worked with military units all over Europe including the world famous Red Arrows and has been lucky enough to fly in many of the RAF's front line aircraft. Mark is well known for his numerous appearances on TV and radio and a book of his paintings is due out in Autumn 2002.