



Unusual situation

J'avais préparé un vol entre Reims et Strasbourg. Je n'ai pas pu décoller à l'heure prévue car l'avion n'était pas disponible. Pendant le vol, j'ai rencontré un vent de face plus fort que celui annoncé par la météo et j'ai aussi été obligé de contourner une zone militaire active. Plus le temps passait, plus il est devenu évident que je ne pourrai pas atteindre ma destination avant la tombée de la nuit, et j'ai décidé de me dérouter à Louvigny.

The exercise is completed with two additional questions from the examiner:

- What is the official definition of night in France?
- What made the situation even worse?

I had planned a flight from Reims to Strasbourg. I could not take off at the expected time because the aircraft was not available. During the flight I was confronted with a headwind stronger than forecast and I also had to fly around an active military area. As the flight went on, it became obvious that I would not be able to land in Strasbourg before night fall and I decided to divert to Louvigny.

Two additional questions:

- What is the official definition of night in France?

Night starts 30 minutes after sunset and ends 30 minutes before sunrise.

- What made the situation even worse?

Flying eastward, the night came even faster.

