

1987: Mirage F1 Mont Pilat

■ General context

- Bombing mission from low altitude mission
- 4 jet fighters:
 - ➔ Mission leader in training
 - × will get his wing very soon
 - × Has an excellent training record,
 - × Considered as one of the **best** pilot of the French Air Force...
 - ➔ Lieutenant Colonel (also the Air Force Base commander) as the instructor (**abonné**...)
 - ➔ A Lieutenant as a young fighter pilot
 - ➔ An Under Lieutenant a very young fighter pilot
- A **thorough** briefing made by the mission leader
- But an Air Base commander not really **attentive** because the mission leader renown...

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■ Operational context

● Mission leader

- ➔ Experience a technical issue just after start up
- ➔ **Cancel** the mission

● Air base commander

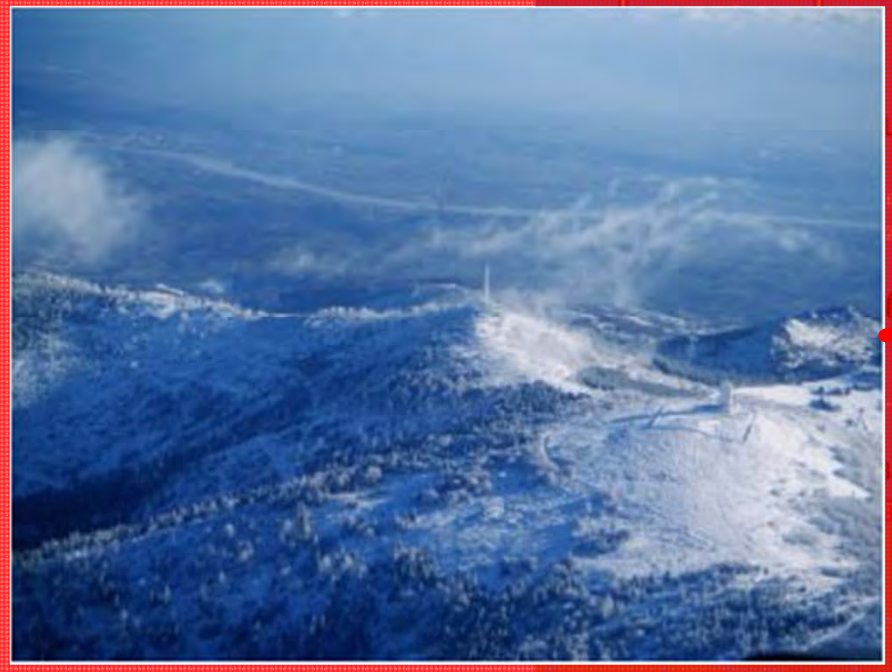
- ➔ Decided to **take over** the mission leader
- ➔ But **never** clearly stated he is now the mission leader...

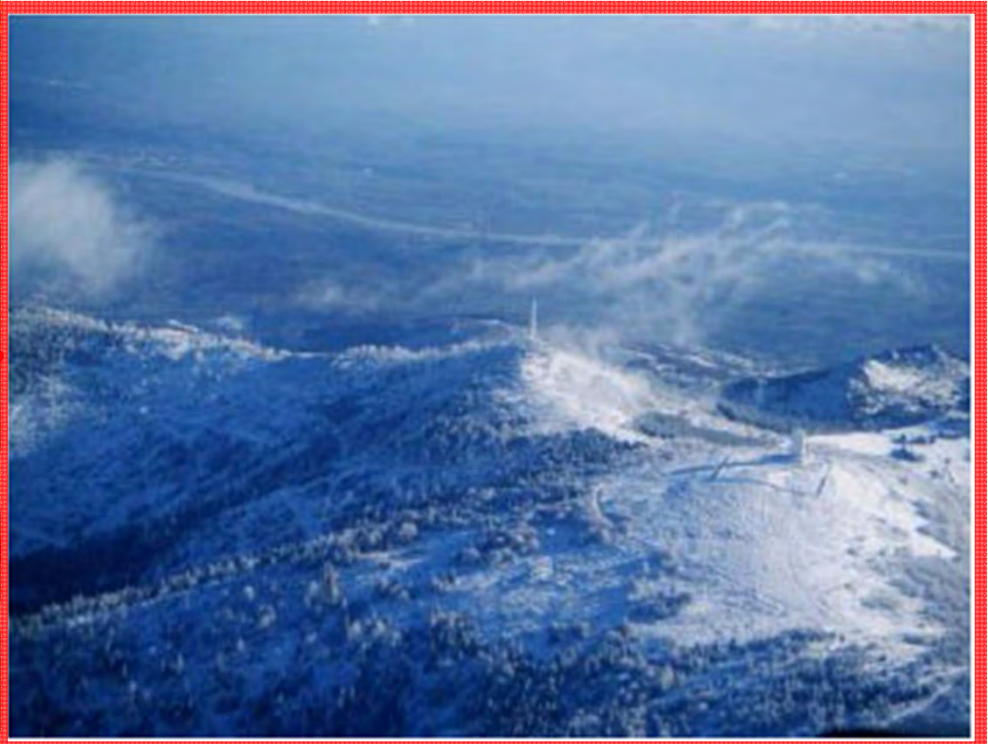
■ The mission

● Numerous failures will happen since the first minutes...

- ➔ Each failure should have called for an **abort** order...

● ... Ending to the 3 jets **crashing** at high speed on the top of the hill they were supposed to bomb...





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