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- *THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN, 1940*



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Front Cover

**Painting by courtesy of the Imperial War Museum, London Art
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The Painting by the distinguished War Artist, Paul Nash, is his visual interpretation of the Battle of Britain, 1940, and is a very evocative painting which captures the essence of this unique and epic battle.

Back cover

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The painting depicts the Operations Room of No. 11 Group Fighter Command at the Headquarters, Uxbridge.

It shows the WAAF Plotters positioning tokens representing the Luftwaffe attacking forces and the RAF fighter forces on a large map of the UK on the Plotting Table, like croupiers at a Gaming Table. The positions of the respective tokens were updated continuously.

The senior officers controlling the RAF fighter forces can be seen on the balcony overlooking the Plotting Table assessing the situation and deciding the response.

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*To Chris
With best
wishes
Dick*



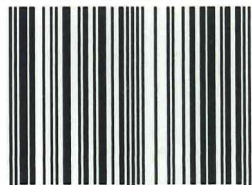
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