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EVENT: DR. BENES ARRIVES AT THE CZECH SQUADRON .

Dr. Benes arrives at the Czech squadron to present four British officers and four Czechs with the Czech Military Cross. First being Wing Commander A.B. Woodhall. Then Squadron Leader Blackwood. Flt. Sinclair. The Czech names can't be mentioned.

The Czech Squadron have brought down 36 German machines on the defence of England. They are with an English fighter squadron.

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13th December, 1940.

Dear Sir,

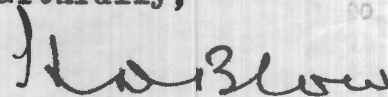
I enclose a permit to enable your representative to visit the Royal Air Force Station, Duxford, tomorrow, 14th December, for the purposes of filming the presentation of awards to British and Czech personnel by Doctor Benes.

Mr. Gemmell, it is understood, is proceeding by road to Duxford but, if this should not be possible, he should travel by the 7 a.m. train from Liverpool Street to Whittlesford. If possible arrangements will be made for Service transport to meet the train at Whittlesford.

The ceremony is due to commence at 10.30 a.m. and is expected to last about two hours.

I am to remind you that the facilities which are now being afforded to you carry with them access to special sources of information which are not otherwise available. It will be clear that material derived as the result of such facilities requires particularly careful scrutiny from the R.A.F. point of view. In return, therefore, for the grant of these facilities, the Air Ministry assumes your agreement, as a condition of the grant, that any article, photograph or other press material resulting therefrom shall be submitted (in triplicate) before publication, for examination and approval by the Censorship Division of the Ministry of Information. Material should be submitted at the offices of the Ministry of Information in the usual way, but it must be clearly marked "Facility visit. For the attention of the Air Adviser" and the date of the visit should be stated. When it has been approved by the Air Adviser it will be returned through the Censorship.

Yours faithfully,



for Press and Publicity Officer.

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DR. BENESH WITH CZECH FIGHTER SQUADRON

Dr. Benesh, President of the Czechoslovak Republic, visited an R.A.F. station in England on Saturday and decorated Czech and British members of a Czechoslovak fighter squadron which had already brought down 36 enemy aircraft in combats over this country.

Dr. Benesh first inspected contingents of Czechoslovak and British fighter squadrons and of the W.A.A.F. He then pinned the Czechoslovak Military Cross on the tunic of the airmen. Four of the recipients were British—Wing Commander A. B. Woodhall, Squadron Leader D. Blackwood (English Squadron Leader of the Czechoslovak Squadron), and Flight Lieutenants J. Jefferies, D.S.C., and G. L. Sinclair. Later the Czechoslovak and British airmen marched past the President, who took the salute.

** Picture on page 6.