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FLAG WITH A HISTORY.

Prince Bernhardt of the Netherlands is an honoured guest at an historic ceremony held at a Home Counties Aerodrome, where he meets the Belgian Defence Minister M.Gutt, and the Secretary of State for Air, Sir Archibald Sinclair. M.Gutt presents the Standard of the Belgian Air Force to the Belgian section of the R.A.F.

A dramatic episode of the war is revealed by this ceremony. The flag was presented to the Belgian Air Force by the late King Albert in 1919. With the second German invasion in May 1940 it was placed in a Shell case and buried in a wood near the Belgian Coast. There it lay for over a year, until recently a young Pilot Officer went back to his country and recovered it. Today, newly promoted Officers hold the flag while taking the oath of allegiance. The restoration of the Standard is one of the proudest moments in the history of this gallant squadron.

The spirit of King Albert lives again in the hearts of these men who fly beneath the Standard he gave them.