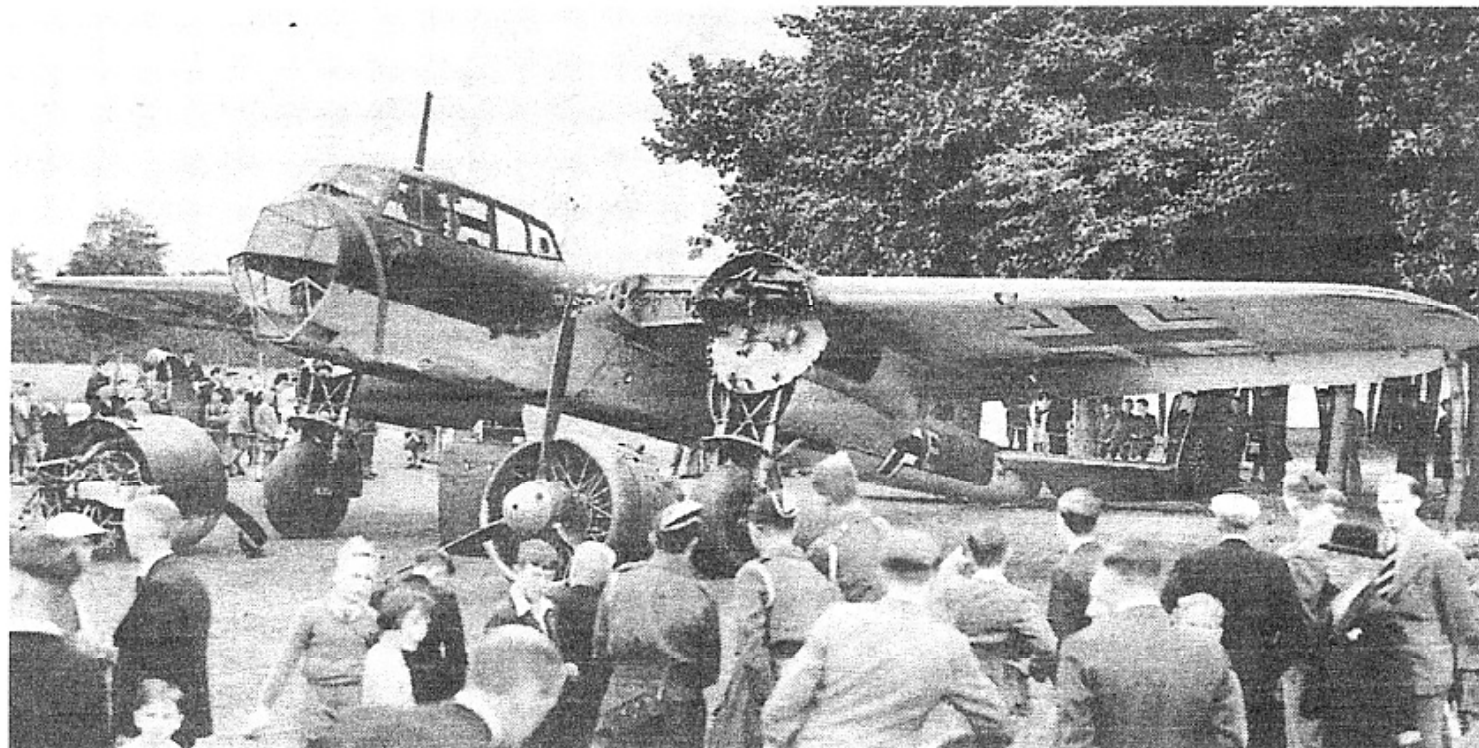


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THE DORNIER on show at Eaton Park during September 1940 (see letter "Memories of the Flying Pencil").

Memories of the Flying Pencil

I HAVE just received a letter from a wartime pal in which he told me about the Dornier 17 which was on show during the war at Eaton Park. The aircraft is accepted as one of those shot down by the 243 Battery, a Norwich territorial unit based before the war at All Saints Green.

When I joined them in 1936, the battery had 18-pounders from the first world war. They converted to 3-inch, then 3.7 anti-aircraft guns, and four of these were doing aerodrome duty

at Duxford in 1940 when a Dornier 17 made a break for the coast after fighters broke the formations over London. As I recall, it took 19 shells to knock it down from 19,000 feet, the last eight or ten in the air by the time the first ones burst.

I might, however, have this action mixed with others of which there were plenty in those days.

Whether or not the aircraft at Eaton Park was this Flying Pencil, I don't know, but this piece of history has worked nostalgic memories

in me to an extent I would have considered unreal.

I'm told that letters have appeared in the Press related to the incident, and find pleasure in knowing that my wartime buddies are still around. I wish them comfort and joy wherever they might be. I'm sure some will remember me.

Indeed, how could they forget!

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