

CONFIDENTIAL

IMMEDIATE

RECOMMENDATION FOR HONOURS & AWARDS.

Christian Name: Vlastimil  
Rank: Acting Squadron Leader.  
Nationality: Czechoslovakian.  
Command or Group: 12 Group Fighter Command.      Unit: No. 68 (N.F.) Squadron

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Give particulars of the Meritorious Service for which the recommendation is made including date and place :

S/Ldr Vesely joined 310 Squadron at Duxford and operated in Hurricanes during the Battle of Britain. February 1941, transferred to night flying duties with No. 96 Squadron where he did many night operational patrols over Liverpool and Birmingham during the Midland "Blitzes". On night of March 12th 1941 while on patrol he intercepted a He.111, the guns jammed and S/Ldr Vesely was shot through chest and lunge by the Heinkel. Despite this S/Ldr Vesely flew the machine back to his base and landed successfully therefore probably saving the life of himself and his Air gunner. He was recommended by his Squadron Commander for the award of D.F.C. Joined 68 Squadron in December 1941. In the seven months he has completed over 200 hours on Beaufighters and 40 operational patrols during which he has destroyed 1 He.177 (the first to be destroyed by a pilot in this country), 1 Do.217 and damaged 1 Ju.88 and 1 He.111. He has built up and formed the Czech Flight of 68 Squadron and has been an example to both British and Czech crews not only for his great flying ability but in his keenness to engage and destroy the enemy.

State what recognition is recommended:      Distinguished Flying Cross.  
State what appointment held or how employed:      Flight Commander.

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**Max Aitken**

Signature of squadron Commander

Date: 25th July 1942.

Rank: Wing Commander.

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Covering remarks of Station Commander:

Signature:  
Rank:  
Commanding, R.A.F. Station, COLTISHALL.

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Covering remarks of Air Officer Commanding:

This officer is a fine example to his Flight in cool courage and devotion To duty. I strongly recommend him for the award of the DISTINGUISHED FLYING CROSS.

Date: 25th July, 1942.

**R.E. Saul**  
Commanding: Air Vice Marshal,  
12 Group

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Covering remarks of Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief:

**W S Douglas**  
Air Chief Marshal

Date: 27/7/42

Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief,  
Fighter Command.