

After a year of relative peace, the preliminary events of what would become World War II began when Czechoslovakia rejected Hitler's claims to her territory. Between September 26 and October 4, 1938, the "European Crisis," or "Munich Crisis," as it was known, caused a great deal of activity on RAF Station Mildenhall. This was the German invasion of Czechoslovakia. Even though the two squadrons were not mobilizing, many of its officers received orders to other units. Families around the station were told to be ready to evacuate at a moment's notice.