Speech at Mission Belle Memorial

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Good afternoon everyone,

It is special for me to be here this afternoon and that I can say some words about the Mission Belle Memorial. It is very important that we live in freedom and that there can be a memorial.

For me it is pretty normal hat I can do and say whatever I want. I can step on my bicycle, go to my friends or buy something sweet at the market. We are free. Not everybody is that and for sure not in every country. It is good that we can talk about that sometime.

Sadly, because of the current Corona measures, it is not possible that the kids of the School with the Bible from Streefkerk can be here today. It is great that children are working for the monument an d help to keep it in good conditions. Just for us children, it is so important that we will never forget this. The stories from the war must be told, so the memory of it will never get lost. This should also happen with the story of the Mission Belle.

The crew of this flight deployed themselves 78 years ago to liberate The Netherlands. Three of them died and some others got injured.

Today we remember this event and are grateful for everyone who helped them.

Thank you.