

*I was taken to father's
aeroplane and he
had served in Pittentrop*

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*(to which I took a trip)
presented me to a little*

*man, who was sitting
on a front seat, with
a table in front of him.
I thanked it for giving
me this opportunity.
He didn't understand,
as I spoke in English,
so Pittentrop translated it,
it holding my hand*

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