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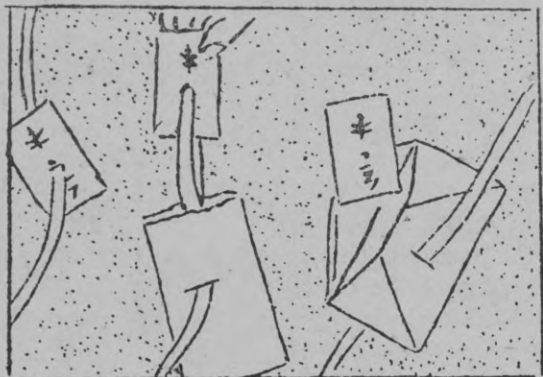
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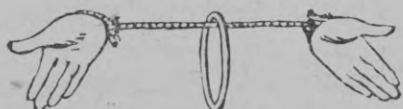
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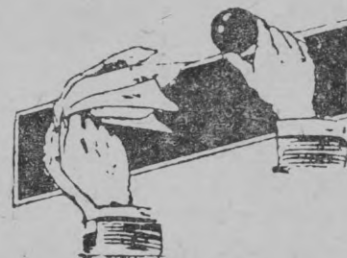


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EVERY RUSSIAN — Man, Woman and Child is at WAR!

By Sir STAFFORD CRIPPS, in an interview with Mary Silburn in the "Daily Mirror."

I have been nineteen months in Russia and can say that the Russian people are appreciative of the help the men and women of Britain are giving them.

I am glad that the Russian trade delegation were able to visit this country, for they will undoubtedly take back with them a good report of what is being done here.

The Russian women are giving tremendous help. They are manning sections of the Army, Navy and Air Force, and doing heavy work in industry.

All Russians have a very bitter hatred for the Germans.

Like almost every other country that has been attacked by the Nazis, Russia was taken by surprise. All along a 2,000 miles frontier a blitz attack was launched without warning.

In the first hours of the fighting, Russian losses, especially in planes, were enormous, and, as the troops withdrew before the onslaught, it was necessary for the Soviet High Command to decide upon its strategy.

The decision was taken by Stalin to employ the same strategy as that which, in 1812, defeated Napoleon, the only difference being that the Nazis had fast-moving tanks and aeroplanes, this making it necessary to oppose them more vigorously to prevent them having an easy time and advancing quickly.

Fortunately for us, and for the rest of the civilised world, the Soviet Government had spent the last few years in the most active preparation for the war which they knew must come some time with the Germans.

But, although they had great numbers of tanks and aeroplanes, they had not so many as the Germans.

During the first four months losses on both sides were enormous in men and material, but throughout the whole period the Germans failed to gain a decisive victory or to cut off any large portion of the Russian armies.

It is hard to realise what the scorched earth policy has meant to

the Russians and the courage needed to make decisions for destroying their greatest engineering achievements.

There are many cases when peasants burnt their own houses and farms to prevent them falling into Nazi hands.

Whenever the Russians retired from a position they left behind men and women who carried out guerilla warfare, knowing full well that if captured they would be shot.

They soon found that shooting was the least of their sufferings. Crucifixion, burning alive, and every kind of torture was practised upon them, yet they never ceased in their struggle.

You have probably read the published statement of the atrocities carried out by the Nazis—every word is true, there is certainly no exaggeration in the statement.

The Soviet Navy played a magnificent part in the struggle, not only in ships, but on land as well.

It was essential in holding the Nazis that both Leningrad and Odessa should hold out as long as possible. This resulted in Hitler's first real defeat when he failed to take Leningrad by assault.

In Leningrad, as later in Moscow, every man, woman and child became part of the army, working day and night on almost starvation rations.

I left Moscow when the Germans were so dangerously near the city that it was decided that the Diplomatic Corps must leave within six hours.

Hundreds of thousands of refugees poured into, through, and out of Moscow, and yet supplies for troops at the front never failed.

Stalin, directing the armies, felt the Germans were reaching exhaustion point, and that for the final attack Hitler must throw in all his forces, which in fact he did.

Winter came, and the German soldiers were unprepared. They had no winter clothing, and many were seen wearing women's clothes taken from

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Russian women in the occupied parts of Western Russia.

Stalin built up a large cavalry reserve, then waited until the Nazis reached a stage of exhaustion that would mean defeat for them by the fresh Soviet troops.

At one time the Germans were within artillery range of Moscow, although they never had a chance to fire their guns.

The last railway junction was being attacked. At this supreme moment the Soviet cavalry charged to attack.

The Germans broke and their retreat started. They had failed to take Moscow.

The Russians do not take prisoners now since the experience of the torture and the brutality of the Germans towards their own prisoners and civilians as well.

The Russians deserve every ounce of help Britain can give them, for they have saved us and the rest of Europe from final victory by the German armies, and all that that would mean.

Since Stalin and his chiefs stood side by side to fight out the defence of Moscow with the people he has become a great popular figure.



"I talked in my sleep last night and gave away vital secrets—!"
 —"Daily Mirror."

The Russian people certainly have their tails right up now.

Rightly they are filled with pride at the feats of their Army, Navy and Air Force.

They will never stop fighting, however long the struggle, until Nazism is finally wiped out.

They are making a 100 per cent. contribution to the defeat of Hitler, and it is up to us to do all we can to help them.

I have often heard the praises of the British Fleet sung by the Russians, above all by their own naval officers, and they are deeply grateful to them for making possible the continuance of supplies from England and America by keeping open the ocean's highways.

"I think," are the two most over-worked words in the English language, asserts a college professor. Not only that, but in most cases they constitute a gross exaggeration.

FIRST TIME IN ACTION

What Soldier Feels Like

What does it feel like to go into action for the first time?

A soldier returned to New Zealand from the Middle East answered this way: "It's always easier the first time because you don't know what to expect." When the New Zealanders moved up to Sidi Rezegh in November, 1941, his comrades and he did not know the real push had started till they got up to the enemy wire. They had been working up to the push by a series of manoeuvres.

"A man without fear." This soldier so described the late Colonel J. M. Allen, who was M.P. for Hauraki before he went overseas. He saw Colonel Allen, on Crete, even carting water and provisions to platoons which were dug-in and could not move out for supplies.

"No other army gets rations either in the field, in hospital, or at base camps as we do," said an N.C.O. It was common knowledge, he said, that the principal meal of the day served to New Zealanders was equivalent to what some other troops got in two days.

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Infant: "Wanta drink."

Father: "So do I. Go to sleep."

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**THE
STAFF PARADE**

Just recently a bomb-shell burst,
The Camp Staff were dismayed;
For District sent an order down—
The lads must all parade.

So word went round to be on hand
At thirteen hundred hours;
'Twas broadcast by latrine-o-graph
And I heard it in the showers.

Well one and all the staff turned out
In battledress and spats;
Most of them had had a shave
And wore their Sunday hats.

The cooks looked well with their coat-
of-arms,
Crossed parsnips and a marrow;
There was stoker Bill from the boiler
house
And Noonan with his barrow.

The Q.M. staff were to the fore
With all the latest fashions;
There was Lovell from the S. & T.
And Chitty with his rations.

There was Pottsie from the butcher's
shop,
He keeps the camp in meat;
The M.T.M. could not turn out
'Cause they had no running sheet.

Staff Bromley left his Orderly room,
And Crombie came from Pay,
Jonesie brought his Gramophone
But Records wouldn't play.

Old Robbie had his own platoon
Because he knew his drill;
And boss of all the mechanised
Was cycling Fiddler Bill.

There was Shergold from the Ser-
geant's mess
And Hoppy with his pipe;
The R.A.P. sent Corporal James
Who has a second stripe.

The Hospital staff were on the job,
The Dental brought a plante,
The carpenter brought his kit of tools
So's they could operate.

Man Friday he would take the lead
When it came to marching past;
Staff Kinzett he would take the rear
Bootmakers always last.

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And tied her in the shade,
For the Colonel he would ride her
And head the big parade.

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WELLINGTON RUGBY

**Poneke-Oriental Beat A.A.
Battery**

**ARMY AND UNIVERSITY
DRAW**

Rugby players in Wellington had a
welcome change from wet-weather con-
ditions on Saturday afternoon, when
championship competitions were con-
tinued in generous sunshine, and with
little wind to mar play.

At Athletic Park, where a sprinkling
of spectators appeared on the western
bank for the first time this season,
Poneke-Oriental outplayed A.A. Battery
by 16 points to 8 in the Jubilee Cup com-
petition. The combined team owed their
victory to tireless work by the vanguard,
who packed well in scrums and rucks,
and used their feet cleverly in the open.
The backs on both sides marred many
scoring chances by faulty handling, and
too often overran their passes. The
tackling of both sides was sharp and
sudden, and the defence sound.

An exciting game at Athletic Park be-
tween Army and University fittingly fi-
nished with honours easy—6-points-all.
The game was played at a fast clip
throughout, but determined tackling
made penetration difficult. For Army,
Thornton, the Auckland wing-three-
quarter, scored two good tries with his
turn of speed, and the students' points
came through penalty goals by Greig,
who resumed his place at full-back, and
gave a good account of himself.

Good goal-kicking by Beard was main-
ly responsible for Wellington College Old
Boys, for whom J. R. Lamason appeared,
defeating Marist Brothers' Old Boys by
10 points at Anderson Park. Bright play
was seen in this game.

Ordnance marshalled all their men,
And here I'd like to quote,
They brought along their mascot
One Major Storie's goat.

And you never saw a better show
No matter what you paid;
The Camp Staff sure do a job
When they stage a big parade.

—J.P.

The Petone fifteen went well to beat
Athletic at Petone by eight points. There
were some great rucking duels between
the forwards, and no quarter was given
in the tackling.

Dashing play by Moss, who scored four
tries, enabled Eastbourne to beat Sea-
town by 21 points to 6 at Eastbourne.
The winners showed good team work,
and were in the pink of condition.

In the Hardham Cup games, Wellin-
gton Regiment showed pace and dash to
outplay Pirates to the tune of 29 to nil;
Miramar and A.S.C. played a draw; Air
Force got home from Johnsonville in a
heavy scoring match by two points; and
A.N.A. Headquarters outplayed Onslow
by 25 points to 11.

Following are the results:—

Jubilee Cup.

Poneke-Oriental v. A.A. Battery, at
Athletic Park.—Poneke-Oriental, 16 (tries
by Rawlings two, Hayes, and Shirley,
two of which were converted by V. Cal-
cinal); A.A. Battery, 8 (a try by Little,
which was converted by Brownlee, who
also landed a penalty goal).

Army v. University, at Athletic Park.—
Army, 6 (two tries by Thornton); Uni-
versity, 6 (two penalty goals by Greig).

Petone v. Athletic, at Petone Recreation
Ground.—Petone, 16 (tries by Southee,
Bills, White and H. Jaegar, two of which
were converted by Ashton); Athletic, 8
(two tries by Massey, one of which was
converted by O'Halloran).

Hutt v. Wellington, at Hutt Recreation
Ground.—Hutt, 13 (tries by Rout, Bram-
ley and Millard, two of which were con-
verted by Bramley); Wellington, 8 (two
tries by Church, one of which was con-
verted by Taylor).

Eastbourne v. Seaton, at Eastbourne.—
Eastbourne, 21 (tries by Moses four,
Gray, Posselt and Ricketts); Seaton, 6
(a try by Roberts and a penalty goal by
Grace).

Wellington College Old Boys v. Marist
Brothers' Old Boys.—Wellington College
Old Boys, 18 (tries by Souness, Hollis,
Gallagher and Hume, three of which were
converted by Beard); Marist Brothers'
Old Boys, 8 (tries by Woodham and Gib-
bons, one of which was converted by
Stanaway).

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WEEKEND WELCOME

Club Entertainment For Visiting Servicemen

The Army, Navy and Air Force Club tenders its thanks to Wellington citizens who responded to the recent appeal for pianos for use at the club. The club has accepted for the duration of the war pianos from the Wellington branch of the R.S.A., and Mr. E. Foster, Kenya Street, Ngaio. Weekend dances were well attended, an innovation on Friday night being an international orchestra, Army, Navy and Air Force being represented, and visitors participating. The leader was A/C. J. Pearce. The cafeteria continues at high pressure, preparing meals for the ever increasing numbers who avail themselves of this service, and the committee extends thanks to this week's donors: Cooked ham, T. H. Walker, Hawera; sheep, from Mr. A. H. Smith, Hastings, and N. H. Marshall, Fern Flats, Marton; donation, Air Force Relations, Wanganui, Mrs. Gifford-Moore; vegetables, W.W.S.A., Hawera, A.N.A. helpers, Marton, Women's Home Guard, Patea.

Home Atmosphere.

A homely evening was spent last night by visitors to the Toc H rooms on Lambton Quay, when letter-writing and indoor games, including chess and draughts, were enjoyed beside a warm fire, the more active visitors competing

Items Given By Visitors.

The British Sailors' Society's premises were used to capacity throughout the week and at the weekend. Two visiting seamen gave items which were well applauded, one being a demonstration of acrobatics and juggling, and the other a bracket of songs. A picture programme supervised by Mr. W. F. Curle, was shown on Thursday, and yesterday a sacred concert was staged, those taking part being Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Jackson and family, and Miss Joan Gooday. The in ping-pong tournaments. Many members of the forces were present at a dance held on Friday, and have frequented the club throughout the week. Special thanks are extended by the Toc H to the large number of well-wishers who have assisted in giving cakes, pickles, and jams, to meet the heavy demand made by meals and suppers.

Cinderella Club Crowded.

Once again the Cinderellas were kept busy during the weekend, when crowds of men were entertained at the clubrooms. The hall was attractively decorated with greenery and iceland poppies. A savoury supper was served. Yesterday large crowds attended and enjoyed a delicious hot tea, Mrs. Allan and her orchestra providing the music for dancing. Girls on duty were Misses M. Henderson, A. Pridmore, N. Cox, B. Crichton, P. Cross, B. Dobbie, T. Draper and A. Campbell.

Hampers And Apples.

The Catholic Services' Club received hampers of welcome food supplies, sent by the Central Council of the Children of Mary and the Otaki and Marton Societies, and a donation of apples from Mr. I. Murray. Bombardier T. Nelson entertained with several songs on Friday. Music for dancing was provided by Misses P. Kelly and K. Moroney and two piano-accompanists, who also gave items on Sunday. The Children of Mary, Wellington, acted as hostesses, and dancing and table tennis occupied the time of the many servicemen who attended during the weekend. Sunday service was conducted by Mr. W. Buchan, Dunedin.

The society thanks the donors who responded to the appeal made for men's boots and shoes. People who still have spare pairs of men's footwear are urged to forward them to, or leave them at, the society's rooms, 138 Wakefield Street, the need still being urgent.

Chaplain In Charge.

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Barnes, a visiting padre, who took the Sunday service and then gave a screening of films to a large audience. A number of W.W.S.A. girls were among those who enjoyed hospitality at the Y.W.C.A. last week. Mrs. W. Tailby and Mrs. D. McCaskill were the hostesses, and they were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. J. Robson, Messrs. R. Martin and McCaskill, and members of the Y.W.C.A. Karori Girls' Club. Cafeteria helpers came from the Customs Department, with Mrs. R. McInnes in charge, the Vacuum Oil Company, and the Railways Department, under Mrs. Oldham. Saturday's supper was donated by the ladies' auxiliary of St. Barnabas Church, Roseneath.

Tea Dance Extended.

The past two weeks have been unusually busy for the National Club, the Saturday tea dances, trays, and hot three-course meals being enjoyed by a great many members of the services. Miss Josephine Russell and Mrs. R. Roberts were hostesses at the National Union tea dance last week, members of the Wellington South electorate, headed by Mrs. J. H. McIlroy, being on Sunday duty. A donation of pork was received from Mr. L. Fairbrother, Carterton. The first extended tea dance for the year was introduced this weekend. Misses A. Martin and S. Spears were the hostesses, and those in charge yesterday were helpers from the Wellington East electorate, convened by Mrs. H. E. Avery.

Concert Programme.

Those who contributed to the musical programme at the Y.M.C.A. Sunday tea for soldiers and various other servicemen, were Mesdames Wilfred Andrews, Millward, Look, and Mr. W. Marshall

N.Z.E.F. APPOINTMENT

Director Of Medical Services

A well-known Auckland doctor, Colonel H. S. Kenrick, C.B.E., has been appointed Director of Medical Services, New Zealand Division, and granted the temporary rank of brigadier, according to advice received by his wife, Mrs. H. S. Kenrick, Auckland.

Brigadier Kenrick served in the last war and later continued to give his experience to territorial forces. For several months after the outbreak of war he was Assistant Director of Medical Services, Northern Military District, and after going overseas in 1940 he played a leading part in the administration of the expeditionary force's hospital services. Before this latest appointment, Brigadier Kenrick had been Assistant Director of Medical Supplies, New Zealand Division.

(vocal solos); Miss Nola Hyde (elocutionary pieces); and Mrs. Herrick, Miss Finlay, and Mr. Wood, who acted as accompanists. Mr. H. Hindle led community singing. Mr. R. H. Nimmo presided, members of the Wellington East branch of the League of Mothers, headed by their president, Mrs. Gilmour, being the hostesses in charge.

FOR MEN OF THE ALLIED FORCES

**Manners Street Cafeteria
FORMER RESTAURANT
TAKEN OVER**

The taking over of the large Waldorf Restaurant in Manners Street, Wellington, as a cafeteria, recreation centre, and information bureau for the benefit of members of all the Allied forces was announced last night by the secretary of the National Patriotic Fund Board, Mr. G. A. Hayden. This restaurant was closed down recently because of staff and other difficulties arising out of the war.

Mr. Hayden said that the board had obtained the premises on a rental basis and it was hoped to provide the necessary staff from volunteer labour. That was a matter that would be taken up with the appropriate authorities.

"The restaurant," continued Mr. Hayden, "will be run by the board, in conjunction with all organizations in Wellington interested in the welfare of the men of the forces, as a cafeteria, where they will be able to obtain lunch and tea at nominal charges, and also as an entertainment centre and information bureau. For these purposes the floor space will be divided, half being reserved for the cafeteria and the other half for dancing and the playing of table games. We estimate being able to serve 900 meals for lunch and tea."

Asked when a start would be made with this new patriotic activity, Mr. Hayden said that it was hoped to reopen the premises shortly. In addition to obtaining the necessary labour, there was the question of furnishings and equipment to be attended to, but he did not expect that there would be any insuperable difficulties.

"Besides providing the facilities I have mentioned," Mr. Hayden added, "it is hoped that when the former Waldorf reopens we shall be able to co-ordinate hospitality from there for men of the forces. We have other plans as well, but this is a start and I feel sure that the decision to take over the restaurant will be welcomed not only by the men of the forces themselves but also by all citizens who have the welfare of the men at heart. It will provide a centre for them and will assist in overcoming to some extent the present heavy demands being made on public restaurants."

NEW SERVICE CLUB

Opened In Lower Hutt

Marked success attended the tea and dance held at the clubrooms of the Hutt Valley Returned Services' Association clubrooms, Lower Hutt, at the weekend, for men of the three services. Tea was also provided on Sunday night, and games were arranged. Many men availed themselves of the warmth and hospitality offered at the opening on Saturday.

Mrs. R. B. Ashe, president of the women's section, R.S.A., welcomed the guests, and introduced Mr. Ward, honorary secretary, Wellington Metropolitan Patriotic Committee. Mr. Combs, M.P., for Wellington Suburbs, wished the club every success.

Mr. Andrews, mayor of Lower Hutt, extended a welcome to the men on behalf of the citizens of Lower Hutt.

Among those attending in an official capacity were Sir Alexander Roberts and Lady Roberts, who is a vice-president of the club, Lady Pomare, Mrs. R. B. Ashe, Major Hollis, Colonel Mc-

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Miss Mary Chesney was the con-

vener of the 75 girls who acted as hostesses at the tea and dance.

FROM MIDDLE EAST

A number of sick and wounded officers and men of the 2nd N.Z.E.F. returned to New Zealand recently after service in the Middle East. They were mostly walking cases. The Prime Minister, Mr. Fraser, in welcoming them

home recently, said that it was not known how or when an attack might be made on New Zealand, but thousands of their comrades under arms in this country were ready to fight with the same determination displayed by these returned men, and their comrades, in their battles in the Middle East.

All those men who considered themselves able to contribute to the defence of New Zealand expressed their willingness, when interviewed, to continue in the Army in New Zealand.



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DEFENCE PLANS FOR N.Z.

Outline By General Puttick

BASIC PRINCIPLES

Some important general principles regarding the defence of New Zealand are given by the General Officer Commanding the New Zealand Military Forces, Lieut.-General E. Puttick, D.S.O., in the following article, which is the third of a series prepared by him to inform the public, within the limits of security, about the New Zealand Army and the defence situation. The two previous articles dealt with manpower, equipment, and training. Lieut.-General Puttick states:—

"There are general principles governing the defensive arrangements in any country which are well known to the general staff of enemy countries, but which may not be within the knowledge of the general public. A knowledge of these principles will enable the people to gain a better insight into the defensive arrangements that have been made in New Zealand, and to understand the reasons for what may appear to be omissions or weaknesses in the defence system.

"Before planning for the employment of the armed forces of a country can be undertaken, it is necessary to consider a great many factors, such as the geographical position of the country in relation to possible enemies, its shape, its topography, including the situation of harbours and other sheltered waters, the position of mountains and other country difficult to negotiate, communications, both road and rail, and, above all, an estimate of the scale of attack that it would be possible for an enemy to develop.

"The geographical position of New Zealand is important in that it is situated a very considerable distance from the nearest land from which an attack could be made against it. This isolation means that an enemy force would have to make a considerable sea voyage before reaching New Zealand, thus presenting an opportunity to friendly naval forces to attack the expedition en route and so requiring that the enemy should provide a strong naval escort. The distance to be travelled also affects the time the escorting ships in particular could remain off the New Zealand coasts in support of the landing operations, unless they could readily secure adequate sheltered waters in which to refuel, since refuelling at sea in these latitudes is a lengthy process and always liable to be interrupted by weather conditions, to say nothing of the exposure to attack during refuelling.

"The isolated position of New Zealand also means that in the present development of aircraft the expedition could not be supported by shore-based aircraft, which has been so effective elsewhere, but must rely on carrier-borne aircraft augmented by the aircraft carried on warships to give the necessary air support, both at sea and subsequent to landing operations. The subsequent maintenance of the forces landed by the enemy in New Zealand is also rendered more hazardous by reason of the distances to be covered, and again more ships are required to be employed in its maintenance than would be the case if the distance were less.

Dependence on Bases.

"This stresses the importance of the sheltered waters, since it would

obviously be a very great advantage if not an absolute necessity to the enemy to secure at the outset sheltered waters for a base for his subsequent operations. Not only is such a base necessary for refuelling, but it is also required for the landing of heavy stores and equipment, such as guns, ammunition, including aircraft bombs, armoured fighting vehicles, heavy aircraft, and fuel both for aircraft and vehicles, as well as numerous other items. Given favourable weather, some of these items can be landed on an open beach, but in the absence of good meteorological information (such as the Japanese undoubtedly possessed for the initial Malayan operations), the variable New Zealand weather makes such an operation hazardous.

"In any event, except for comparatively small quantities, it is a slow process, and unless sheltered waters are available to the enemy, an opportunity is presented for concentrated forces to attack the enemy before he is properly established on shore. Thus, areas where adequate sheltered waters are available are at once suspect as likely points of enemy attack. Their selection by the enemy would be influenced by various considerations, among which are the nature of the country in the vicinity and the communication from it.

"The enemy would like to secure a harbour which it would be easy for him to defend with limited forces, while his landing operations were in progress. He would also wish to have at least reasonable road communications from the area so as to facilitate the advance of his forces on his next objective. He would prefer that the route to that objective should not be through country so difficult that it would be easy to defend against him, or which would reduce the efficiency of those arms of his force in which he might hope to have superiority over the defenders.

"Thus a single line of road through hilly or mountainous country which could be easily blocked by demolitions and defended effectively by inferior forces would not be favourable to his purpose, since the delay that would occur in moving on his objective would, in all probability, give time for the concentration in strength of defending forces from far distant areas.

Landing Grounds Factor.

"Another factor affecting the choice by the enemy of a landing point is the proximity of a suitable aerodrome or landing ground. It must be appre-

ciated that aircraft from carriers or other ships must necessarily be rather small; that is to say, aircraft suitable for carrying parachutists such as those employed in Crete, cannot operate from a ship. So that except possibly in infinitesimal numbers parachutists could not be employed prior to the enemy establishing himself on land. Aircraft from ships could, of course, bomb and machinegun aerodromes and could land on them or on any stretch of suitable ground. But this would not enable the enemy to use shore-based aircraft from such landing grounds until he had established on them stocks of fuel and bombs and at least a minimum of workshop facilities, all of which would require the use of sheltered waters for the purpose of landing these items in any considerable quantity."

The last of the present series of articles by Lieutenant-General Puttick will be published tomorrow and will be concerned with the same issues as dealt with in this article.

WOMAN WHO SAVED HUNDREDS.

A woman ambulance driver who has helped hundreds of men and women to escape from the Germans and escaped the death sentence herself by two hours, has just arrived in Britain.

She is Mrs. Yvonne Roberts, a native or Brittany, married to an Englishman. With her came her French companion, Marie, who helped her in her work.

On the breast of her neat khaki tunic, Mrs. Roberts wears the ribbon of the French Military Medal, which has been conferred on seventeen women only.

Two-War Vetran.

Mrs. Roberts is a "veteran" of two wars.

In 1914, she volunteered for the French Red Cross and, like Nurse Edith Cavell, helped in the escape of many Allied prisoners.

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THE FEAR OF FINAL JUDGMENT

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It has been my privilege to watch many beloved, forgiven children of God die. I have seen that in spite of physical suffering and limitation, they have perceived, while yet here, something of the dawn of the brightness of glory.

Nor need the beloved children of God fear the day of judgment. The words of Jesus apply to them: "He that heareth My word, and believeth in Him that sent Me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death into life." They are careful to put away anything that might have come in to separate them from their Lord

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