

THE WAR.

Private Mary Churchill, A.T.S.

We are not surprised to learn that the youngest daughter of the Premier is now a private in the Auxiliary Territorial Service, on duty at the reception depot in the Southern Command, where she is training for anti-aircraft work, and we hope her example will encourage many others to do likewise. Hitherto, Private Mary Churchill has been well known in society for her beauty and charm, and she is already pledged to make happy the man of her choice at an appropriate time.

You will gather from this portrait that Private Mary Churchill is inspired with the gallant Marlborough spirit.

A Royal Example.

Day after day our King and Queen devote themselves to duty, taking a keen interest in the intensive develop-



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PRIVATE MARY CHURCHILL, AUXILIARY TERRITORIAL SERVICE.

ment of every new scientific appliance for the prosecution of the war, and of every benevolent movement for the benefit of mankind and relief of suffering. A splendid example to us all. Please follow.

Germans Looting Athens Art Treasures.

According to a report from Athens, reports *The Times*, German experts have arrived there to pack up the ancient Greek art treasures of the Athens Archæological Museum, which are to be shipped to Germany.

This is heart-rending news, we deeply sympathise with the valiant Greeks in such an outrage. Alas! those dying of hunger in the streets are saved from heart break.

Hangmen Appointed.

An executioner in every conquered country is appointed to stem the tide of revolt. The man behind the executions is, of course, Reginald Heydrich Himmler, the Chief

of the Gestapo. Norway, Holland, France, and Belgium are all in the death throes.

Seyss-Inquart, the Austrian traitor, a cruel administrator, has set up his headquarters in a large clinic with a huge Red Cross painted on the roof. It is there that he signs death warrants.

Early Release, We Hope.

Paul Colette, who made an attempt on the lives of Laval and Deat, neither of whom were fatally wounded, was condemned to death, but the sentence has been commuted to penal servitude for life. As Colette is only a youth, we may hope, as France is surely realising the degradation of German tyranny enforced by French traitors, that he may see the light of day at an early date.

Restored to Freedom.

A donation of £10,000 from the National Patriotic Fund Board of New Zealand has been forwarded to the Polish Relief Fund by the High Commissioner of New Zealand at the request of his Government, and we are glad to note many other handsome contributions have been received. We have got to see the Poles restored to freedom in their own beautiful homeland.

Propaganda, Please.

We do not like to read of the disinclination of young women to devote their lives to serving their country in its need—nor of the clamour for excessive salaries. We do not seem to remember such conduct in the Great War.

We feel if the true condition of affairs, proving to young women how invaluable are their services, and indeed that their special qualities cannot be supplied by men, that they would respond with absolute loyalty.

Irreparable Losses.

The Times reports the irreparable losses of the College of Surgeons in the May raids on London, including most of the Hunterian Collection in Lincoln's Inn Fields. Thousands of museum pieces are gone, among them the skeletons of kangaroos brought by Captain Cook from Australia, and the comparative osteology collection of 4,000 specimens acknowledged to be the finest in the world. Much of the material ante-dated British Museum specimens and the greater part of the wonderful work of Sir Richard Owen and Dr. William Flower has been undone.

The oldest mummy in the world, that of Ra Nefer, an Egyptian nobleman who died, it is said, about 2900 B.C., was destroyed. The bones of Queen Berengaria, Richard Lion Heart's consort, who died in 1230, were among hundreds of treasured specimens.

It is a relief to know that Reynolds's portrait of Hunter and other portraits are safe in the country.

How to Rebuild our Stricken Cities.

Our lovely cathedrals and churches, together with our hospitals, have evidently been determinedly bombed by enemy animosity to the teaching of Christ, which has produced a nation of savages, so it is well that our people

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