

THE WAR.

An Historic Event.

As we all expected, the King paid a visit to France soon after the invasion, and of course received an enthusiastic welcome from the men on active service.

H.M.S. Arethusa (Captain H. Dalrymple-Smith, R.N.), in which the King crossed the Channel, was escorted by H.M.S. Urania (Lieutenant-Commander D. H. P. Gardiner, D.S.C., R.N.) and H.M.S. Scourge (Lieutenant-Commander G. I. M. Balfour, R.N.).

After his visit to France His Majesty sent the following message to General Eisenhower, Supreme Commander, A.E.F. :—

To-day I have visited the beaches of Normandy, which will be for ever famous. All that I saw, on my journey and on the soil of France, has moved me deeply. I have come home feeling an intense admiration for all those who planned and organised so vast a project, and for the gallant and successful execution of it in all its varied phases by every one of those now engaged in this great battle.

GEORGE R.I.

A Royal Prisoner.

Very sincere sympathy will be felt for Her Royal Highness the Princess Royal, whose eldest son, Lord Lascelles, has been wounded and taken prisoner by the Germans on the Italian front.

Lord Lascelles, who is 21, was gazetted a second lieutenant in the Grenadier Guards in November, 1942, and his country women will hold him in affectionate regard, and hope sincerely for his recovery of health and liberty.

Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nurses.

The group of military nurses in our picture are evidently delighted to be trundling out to a station in Normandy, where their services will be of the utmost value to sick and wounded. For that reason, no doubt, they are of cheerful mood, and it is a fact that the troops of all nations prefer a smiling to a doleful face. We have no doubt these Sisters look serious when occasion demands. Alas! from recent reports, gallant and patriotic men are dying for us hour by hour. Do not let us forget their sacrifice.

New Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S.

Chief Principal Matron, Mrs. L. J. Wilkinson, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service, has been appointed Matron-in-Chief, Q.A.I.M.N.S., in succession to Dame Katharine Jones, who will retire this month on com-

pletion of the tenure of her appointment. Mrs. Wilkinson has been Chief Principal Matron in India since 1942, and is deservedly very popular in the Service. She married when on duty in the last war, in which her husband lost his life.

The Human Touch.

We need not enquire: "Why is General Montgomery the most popular leader in the war?" It is amply apparent because he has the human touch. Read as follows:—

General Montgomery, in a B.B.C. broadcast recently, recorded at his headquarters in France, said: All soldiers serving under me send their best wishes to their wives and families, wherever they may be. We in France are all in very good heart, and we hope that all is well with you at home."

"Nothing is of Worth excepting Obedience to the Nation."

We have always held General de Gaulle in the highest estimation as the greatest Frenchman who has inspired

his countrymen in the War, and whose policy is certain of success. The enthusiastic reception he recently received upon visiting Normandy, and by the Provisional Government upon his return to Algiers, which met to listen to his report.

Algiers thus celebrated the fourth anniversary of General de Gaulle's call to the French people in 1940 to continue the fight beside Great Britain.

General de Gaulle spoke last, not only to the Assembly, but to France and to the world. He said: "If the appeal of 1940 had any significance, it was because the French nation had deemed it right to respond to it, because in spite of disasters, honour,

victory and freedom were what its instinct willed." "So true is it that nothing is of worth except obedience to the nation."

So, with the dawn of victory she never doubted, General de Gaulle concluded, "France saw the renewal which would allow her to contribute even more to what she had already given to the world."

The Flying Bomb.

We have not commented on the new murder machine, the flying bomb, let loose on England by the Hun, through which day and night death and disaster is decimating London and Southern England, because we feel too strongly that it should never have materialised, and what we wish to write would be blotted out.



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MEMBERS OF QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S IMPERIAL MILITARY NURSING SERVICE HAVE ARRIVED IN NORMANDY. A Truckload of Sisters on their way to their Station.

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