

INSIDE THE FORTRESS OF GIBRALTAR.

The Ceremony of the Keys at Gibraltar dates from the great siege of 1779; it is symbolic of the security of Britain's Mediterranean fortress. ~~In the light of the revolution ^{it} changes in modern war~~ looks a bit old-fashioned to-day, but ~~in that connection~~ there is one thing to be said: in this picture it's the Royal Marines who are performing the ceremony; quite a number of Nazis who landed in Crete will testify that Marines are equally good at the ceremony of the bayonet.

And now --- an afternoon off. There is a legend that British rule in Gibraltar will end when the Apes leave the Rock. ~~That's only a superstition, of course;~~ ^{so} ~~but just to be on the safe side~~ it's a wise precaution to make them feel at home. Hitler and Mussolini have cast covetous eyes upon ~~the Rock~~ ^{Gibraltar}, but any resemblance between the Apes and the Axis is purely co-incidental.

Despite all threats to Gibraltar, these children have not been evacuated: while mother has dinner, baby does a bit of roof-spotting.