

LONDON MARCH OF THE ALLIES. 821

This is the City of London since Germany started the air raids which the R.A.F. are reciprocating. So different from the stately city as it was before the war; and so the Lord Mayor's Show ^{was} naturally different too. In 1941 it was no pageant; it was a parade of the forces of the Allies against Nazidom. The Lord Mayor was not at the Mansion House; Sir John Laurie watched the procession from the Portico of St. Paul's Cathedral; but the crowd was pretty much the same and the weather was just as foul as usual.

This year the procession left the city and passed Buckingham Palace where the King took the salute with the Queen by his side.

Police and Civil Defence Forces led the parade. Then, the Navy / Women's Services, too, were prominent, as they should be.

and Following, were representatives of the armed might of the British Empire --- India --- Australia --- New Zealand --- part of our great Commonwealth of Nations.

The Allied Forces included Belgium, Free France, Czecho-Slovakia, Holland, Norway, ~~and~~ Poland --- and though they were not marching in the procession, the people of another nation were marching with us too --- our great ally, the Soviet Union.

And - the Tanks.

This was our parade in unconquerable London after more than two years of war. And with these pictures of our Royal Air Force, we recall the words that Winston Churchill uttered at the Lord Mayor's Luncheon. We have ~~our~~ ^{an} Air Force at least equal in size and number, not to speak of quality, to the German Air Force ~~Force~~.

Mr Churchill also spoke about the Royal Navy. Britain is now strong enough to "provide a naval force of heavy ships, with its necessary ^{auxiliary} ~~auxiliary~~ vessels, for service, if needed, in the Indian and Pacific Oceans."

That means that after years of disarmament and weakness, and after two years of unceasing battle, Britain can tell the world, "The Navy's here." ~~here.~~