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A visit to a station of Bomber Command ~~somewhere in the~~
~~North of England~~ --- Mr. Churchill wore his R.A.F. uniform ^{at} ~~to which~~
~~he is entitled by his rank~~ of Air Commodore. With him was
Dr. Evatt, the outspoken Australian Minister.

The Premier also made a tour of some of the districts where
munitions are being made for the coming offensive. We are now
well advanced in the third year of war; and although we started so
long behind Germany in this business of arming for battle, the
hum of machinery is rising to a crescendo. We have grumbled at
past mistakes and at production deficiencies, but the business
of changing over an entire nation from peace to war-production
presents superhuman problems: in the light of that --- we
haven't done so badly. And one thing we know; there is no
better workmanship than British in all the world, and soon we shall
see the effect.

In Leeds the Prime Minister had a terrific welcome; ~~again~~
~~he was accompanied by Dr. Evatt.~~ Mr. Churchill spoke to the world
from this platform, and he ~~reaffirmed~~ confirmed that feeling of
confidence that has been growing in his later speeches. He
reminded his audience that none of us is asking any favours of the
enemy; that's true; let our fainthearts bear that in mind
when the enemy starts asking favours of us.

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Finishing the tour, Mr. Churchill inspected an armoured Division; he climbed into one of the Covenanters and rode in it; and he watched a roll past of the ~~SIXTH~~ Juggernauts of 1942 battle. We've been taking it from Germany while Germany was strong and we were weak; if we had wanted any quarter from Hitler we should have been darned unlucky; be sure that when the tide of battle turns Hitler's gang will start crying "Kamerad." But we mustn't make the mistake this time that we made in 1918; let's make our resolve right now --- this time we'll stop when we've finished.