

At the Royal Air Force Station at Biggin Hill --- this was the fourteenth anniversary of the Battle of Britain. And in the <sup>skies</sup> ~~skies~~ above this famous airfield that stood in the forefront of that fateful battle --- modern planes flew in salute; and demonstrated in peacetime, something of the part played by aircraft in war.

On the ground, there was a drumhead service conducted by the Bishop of Rochester.

The station's badge --- with its motto --- "The strongest link" --- was presented to the station commander by the Air-Officer-Commanding-in-Chief, Fighter Command. And in front of the hangars, the Bishop dedicated a Hurricane and a Spitfire --- the fighters flown by the Few who defended Britain, in the hour of <sup>her</sup> ~~the~~ greatest peril.

And in Holland --- pilgrims from Britain attended the Memorial Service at ~~Amster~~ Oosterbeek --- ten years after the immortal ~~of~~ Battle of Arnhem. They were <sup>relatives of those who died - and</sup> men of the Airborne units who had fought there --- ~~and relatives of those who died.~~

Laying a wreath on the Memorial was General Urquhart, who had commanded the ten thousand officers and men of the First Airborne Division in that action. <sup>M</sup>

And then General Urquhart sprinkled dust of remembrance brought from Westminster Abbey. <sup>A</sup>

Relatives of the fallen --- and Dutch children --- followed with the laying of their wreaths. <sup>on the quares</sup>

Now at Arnhem itself <sup>A</sup> on this bridge for which was fought one of the most gallant battles of all time <sup>A</sup> - we recall General Urquhart's message.

And another wreath was laid.

On this tenth anniversary of an unforgettable page of history --- we look back to the airborne landing that so nearly brought a quick ending to the ~~xxx~~ Second World War; and which --- though it failed --- stands to-day as an unparalleled example of courage and endurance against overwhelming odds. <sup>A</sup>

Among these who stood in silence with <sup>their</sup> ~~his~~ own memories was Colonel Warwick --- one of the medical officers who dropped and worked with the Parachute and Glider men. And another was Alan Wood --- who was there to do his job as War Correspondent, and who wrote then: "If in the years to come any man says to you 'I fought at Arnhem' --- take off your hat to him and buy him a drink. For his is the stuff of which England's greatness is made."