

In the Western Desert --- in 1942 --- men of the British Commonwealth of Nations began the advance that was one of the turning points of the Second World War.

And from those days that now seem so far off --- we recall the words of the Prime Minister

--- twelve years ~~in~~ after --- at the Empire Pool in Wembley --- veterans of that Desert Victory <sup>held</sup> their annual re-union..... reviving the memories, re-living the comradeship of the desperate years that will never be forgotten.

To those assembled, Field-Marshal Montgomery read a message from the Queen to all those who fought those epic battles.

In 1954 <sup>The Alamein Memorial rises</sup> --- ~~rising~~ out of the sand that was the front line of the historic Battle of Alamein, --- ~~is the Alamein Memorial~~. It has ~~be~~ become a part of the cemetery wherein are the graves of more than seven thousand men who died in the Western Desert.

And --- inspecting the Guards of Honour before the unveiling --- is Field Marshal Montgomery.

On the Memorial, are inscribed the names of eleven thousand nine hundred and forty-five men who gave their lives --- and have no known grave.

Men and women --- relatives of the fallen --- had come from all parts of the British Commonwealth to pay homage. Thus --- in the words of the famous soldier under whose inspired leadership these battles were fought and won --- they commemorated an hour that would never live again.