

BRITAIN AND RUSSIA EXCHANGE HONOURS OF WAR.

THE Soviet Embassy staged a ceremony at which Russia formally expressed her appreciation of ⁵British service chiefs. The First Sea Lord, Admiral Cunningham, Air ~~Minister~~ *Minister* ~~Minister~~ Sir Archibald Sinclair and the First Lord, A. V. Alexander, heard Ambassador Gusev declare that the Order of Surorov, Highest Soviet Military Honour, was to have five British recipients. First came the Chief of the General Staff, Field Marshal Sir Alan Brooke.

Next was the former Commander-in-Chief of the Home Fleet, Admiral Sir John Tovey. General Alexander and Admiral Fraser, ~~similarly~~ *similarly* honoured, were unable to be present.

The indomitable head of Bomber Command, Air Chief Marshal Harris, was the ~~first~~ *next recipient* ~~Commander to receive the Russian Award.~~

Meanwhile the citizens of Stalingrad elected ~~a~~ representatives formally to receive Britain's token of appreciation, the famous Sword of Stalingrad. The Sword was fashioned in Britain by the finest craftsmen in the World. Marshal Budenny, ~~one of the most famous warriors in the Soviet Union,~~ handed the Sword to the head of the Stalingrad City Council.

It will henceforth be among that immortal city's most treasured possessions. Stalingrad is rising from the ashes! The Red October Factory, ~~main~~ scene of the bitterest fighting in the city, ~~a~~ little more than a year ago, is back in production. Trophies of the great German defeat are melted down to provide Soviet munitions of war.

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(building) Many of the 40,000 buildings blasted in battle are being rebuilt. In the great work of reconstruction women are playing a big part. Hundreds of miles ~~westward~~ ^{westward} the Red Army is preparing ~~blows~~ ^{attacks} which may overthrow the Nazis. Slave ridden Germany reels under the blows of a people imbued with the Spirit of Stalingrad.