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General View-- The Enamelled Metal Products Corporation (1933) Ltd, Durie Foundry, Leven, Fife, Scotland.
Oblique aerial photograph taken facing South

HE FIRST NEGATIVE ANSWER came in school summer holiday time 1940. I was playing in the front garden of our family home, 42 Shotburn Crescent, Leven, Fife, Scotland when two men arrived with a blow torch and cut the iron railings down for scrap. I asked my stepfather what tool they had used "an oxyacetylene torch" he said. He didn't look too pleased. The Durie foundry where he was manager were making aluminium aircraft wings and assembling armoured cars.

Sometimes stepfather had to go to London to consult the Ministry of War Production. He did so shortly after and returned home in a flaming temper. He told mother and me, while passing through Yorkshire they passed tens of thousands of tonnes of iron railings on their way to a furnace. An iron furnace is like a bottle of wine with lees. In a furnace the lees is the metal to be used for iron railings, it has so many impurities it cannot be used for anything else.

I thought the Cabinet only needed to ask any engineer or iron Master about the usefulness of iron railings and thereby prevented all this waste!

As a navigator I know the coastlines of the world are littered with wrecks, the navigator caused by him assuming his ship was elsewhere than it was. When navigating the ship of state likewise assumptions are dangerous and the above is a classic case.



The Finnish Under General Mannerheim Check The Russian Advance

About 1953, I read Dennis Wheatley's book "Stranger Than Fiction", which were the papers on grand strategy. He wrote to Winston Churchill through the war. It came about because of a book he wrote about a spy in Germany at the start of the war, like all decent persons, Wheatley was shocked when Russia invaded Finland and got his fictional spy to write a paper outlining the strategic advantages to Germany if they aided Finland.

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The spy took his paper to Goring, who after reading it said, "I will see the Fuhrer".

In actual fact they high command of the finest army in the world did not miss the trick and Germany aided Finland considerably including the latest fighter planes much superior to the ones procured by the Russian Communists.

Without air cover the Communist steamroller could not work and Finland remained free doubtless, a second reading of Wheatley's book would reveal more. Doubtless a second reading of the book, would reveal more. A friend with the right

connections read the book and told Wheatley he should write papers for Churchill.

Wheatley (the name means wheat field) wrote two papers regarding the invasion of Italy. He was horrified when it was proposed to invade Italy halfway up the peninsula and wrote the first paper stating the invasion should be at Genoa, to cut the whole leg of Italy off. Winston Churchill agreed with him, saying, "Why should we crawl up the legs like an insect crawling up a human leg". Wheatley then wrote his next paper outlining further reasons for a landing at Genoa.

But in the event the original plan was used and we had to fight our way up to Genoa. So the deaths, injuries, property destroyed or damaged is Winston Churchill's responsibility. At the war's end Germany still had 1 million soldiers under Gen Wolfe in northern Italy. He surrendered without orders from Berlin and was later imprisoned for this.

In 1948 the history Master at Buckhaven High School devoted a whole period to a lecture about the Treaty of Paris, 1956, which ended the Crimean War. Britain signed this Treaty, where under a clause within it, its civilians are forbidden to take part in war. A civilian shooting at enemy troops is a crime for which a person can be shot, when captured. Likewise civilians are not legitimate targets. The Master, let us draw our own

conclusions, but not in the class. reply in kind until September 1940, when he finally bombed the East End of London.

Winston Churchill became Prime Minister 10th of May 1940, the very next night of the 11th and 12th of May he carpet bombed civilian areas in Berlin, total war had begun. Thus breaking the terms of the treaty. The aircraft used where the specially designed four engine bombers, so the RAF officers who wrote the specifications on which the design was based are guilty men. The German air force had no such aircraft. All their bombers were two engines and designed for use against military targets only. Winston Churchill continued bombing civilians and Hitler did not reply in kind until September 1940, when he finally bombed the East End of London.



Winston Inspecting Damage in The East of London Following a German Bombing Raid in Retaliation for Those Made by Churchill on Berlin

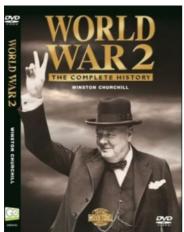
Winston Churchill visited the East End to examine the damage. He returned along the Strand, full of civilians, who had been brainwashed by the media, who cheered him to the echo. Also present were officers of the Royal New Zealand Air Force, among whom, was the fiancée of Phyllis Raffin, a friend of mine. They knew the circumstances and all turned their backs to Winston Churchill (no man likes bombing women and children). Phyllis was there and witnessed it!

A good example of press disinformation occurred when the Archbishop of Canterbury gave a sermon at Dresden on the 70th anniversary of the raid. The Daily Mail said he had apologised! I said Canterbury is a gentleman and only those responsible for the raid can apologise. I wrote to Lambeth Palace and got a copy of the sermon. Not the faintest hint of an apology. So much for the accuracy of press reports.

The artist and poet William Blake (1757 - 1827) put it very well in one of his poems: -

"The truth that's told with bad intent, beats all the lies you can invent."

Bert Piper was a ship's cook, but in the war cooked in the Western Desert for the British Army. Winston Churchill arrived and his servants had much to do with Bert's kitchen. They were telling everybody they hated Churchill. Bert's brother was the Liverpool city's recorder and their father had been at Harrow in the same class as Winston Churchill. He earned good money writing Winston Churchill's essays which he would copy in his own hand. Reading biographies of Winston Churchill, I have twice come across the name of two different men described as "literature secretaries", which I understand to be ghost writers.



"History will be kind to me", said Winston Churchill, "for I will write it". And his five volume *History of World War II* was produced. He employed a large research team, but one wonders how much he actually wrote, was he just the political editor, making sure the books showed him always in a good light?

This appears to be the case, for opposite Leeds University main entrance, was a second-hand bookshop. The proprietor told me he had acquired a set of the histories with the

volume missing. He thought it would be a good style and searched around

in the book trade and found the missing volume. They were still on his shelves. That's what the scholars think of Winston Churchill's histories! And yet he got the Nobel Prize for literature!

His drinking habits were recorded in the Daily Mail. He drank 49,000 bottles of champagne between 1908 and 1965. Which works out at two bottles a day. He had a bottle of port at breakfast and with the alcohol is served at official luncheons and dinners he will be permanently under the influence. Would anybody care to have his affairs conducted by this alcoholic?



Winston Churchill's Wartime Broadcasting

My mother let me stay up to listen to his wartime speeches. Sometimes they arrived at the BBC too drunk to go on the air. The son of the actor who stood in for him went public, but it is denied by the keeper of the Chartwell Museum. Classic FM played some speeches over the air with a different voice said some.

Zella Charlton was a cousin of Phyllis Raffin, and was in the same class at school as Mary Soames (to be) a daughter of Winston Churchill. They became friends and Mary often took Zella home with her to this house at Morpeth mansions. This is a district in Liverpool and means murder path. Zella reports that the two adults in the house were always swearing at each

other. Divorce was not an option in those days and Mary reports in a preface to the second edition of her biography of her mother, that she understands her mother much better since writing the biography, "Clementine".



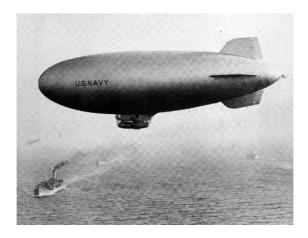
Chartwell House

Clementine was against Winston Churchill buying Chartwell on the mortgage. He can afford it on the cabinet minister's salary he had then, but there is no security in the job. It makes one wonder who paid his mortgage and his staff of over 30 during his wilderness years? Winston Churchill was a notable politician. Fundamentally, politics is the art of getting what one wants regardless of other people.

Winston Churchill took the children for a car ride and went to Chartwell where the children saw over the house and played in the garden. Just before they arrived home he told them he was going to buy Chartwell. Mary ends her account there, but we know the children will run into the house and tell mummy. What women can disappoint her children?

In the event he never bought chart well and nearly lost it when he lost the 1945 general election. But a group of 17 "friends" bought the estate and put it into trust so that he could not re-mortgage it!

Winston Churchill was First Lord of the Admiralty at the start of both world wars. In the first he had seen the highly effective blimps (none rigid airships) sinking submarines. We were building them throughout the war and made 109. For then there were far fewer than surface craft on antisubmarine duties.

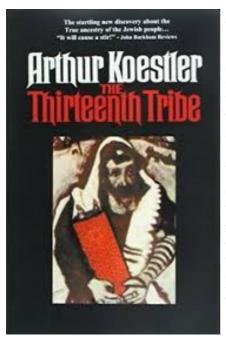


A US Navy WWII K-Class Blimp

The blimps sank half as much more and were more effective than surface ships. Yet they were done away with. The Americans were not so foolish and it is a matter of public record that not one convoy guarded by one blimp lost a ship to enemy action. Had Winston Churchill restarted the building of this highly efficient weapon, the Battle of the Atlantic would have finished far quicker.

Winston Churchill expected to win the 1945 general election and the polls said so. But we were still at war with Japan and the opinions of the Armed Forces cannot be taken. In the event he lost by a substantial majority. It was the soldiers' vote, the men who won the war despite Winston Churchill which put him out of office.

Winston Churchill's ancestry is interesting. His maternal grandfather was an Ashkenazim Jew. These are Mongolian people who became Jews in



the seventh century A.D. see *The 13th Tribe* by Arthur Koestler. His maternal grandmother was part red Indian, who are also Mongolian people who crossed the Bering Bridge into America before the continental displacement parted the continents.

Winston Churchill then is a far distant cousin of Genghis Khan. We all know what he did when he took a city which resisted him. He put every man and woman and child to the sword. When Winston Churchill carpet bombed Dresden and others cities he did exactly the same thing, but quite in the modern style.

Bomber Harris was against the raid because it would not shorten the war by one second, but Winston Churchill insisted on brutality for the sake of brutality.

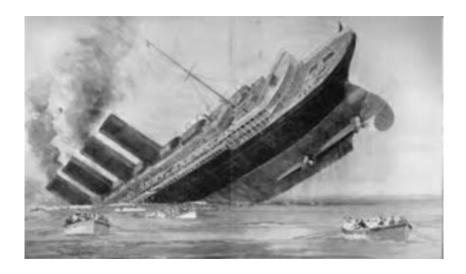
During World War I when Winston Churchill was acting as first Lord of the Admiralty, Admiral Fisher was first Sea Lord, the pair, conspired to have the Cunard liner Lusitania sunk by a German submarine. Winston Churchill believing that the death of prominent Americans would cause the USA to enter the war. They were successful, a U20 sank the liner with the loss of over 1000 lives. But America remained neutral.

The pair exchanged letters agreeing that the captain should suffer the consequences in law for losing his ship. A full sworn copy of the message sent out to the captain was given Lord Mersey, presiding over the Admiralty Court.

FE Smith, later Lord Birkenhead, was defence secretary and had "discovered the case". He read out in court the real message sent Captain Turner. "This is not what I have here", said Mersey, "Give me your copy". The

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captain was found not guilty and left the court without a stain on his character.



The Sinking of The Lusitania WWI

Winston Churchill organised the sinking and the false document. There shall be no place in government for such. Read. "*Lusitania*" by Colin Simpson. Winston Churchill was not the only war criminal on our side.



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