



at
British Embassy
Paris.

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Dear Valerie,

I am flattered that you should want
my autograph.

Here it is

Yours sincerely,

Grian H. Robertson.



The General moves on

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NOBODY in Germany has got to know him well. But those who have worked most closely with General Sir Brian Robertson, the retiring High Commissioner, say that his dearest ambition is to become Chief of the Imperial General Staff and a field-marshal.

Shining compellingly before him is the example of his father, Field-Marshal Sir William Robertson, who climbed so high from a private.

In the last war such exacting task masters as Field-Marshal Alexander and Montgomery were only too pleased to employ the administrative experience acquired by Robertson, who in 1933 had given up his commission in the Royal Engineers and later became Dunlop's managing director in South Africa.

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It was natural enough in July, 1945, that Robertson should be appointed Deputy Military Governor in Germany, and when the post became vacant in 1947, Military Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

It was unnatural, though tactful, for the general to put on civilian clothes when he became High Commissioner last year.

This week the one-time commercial executive is leaving Germany with greatly enhanced reputation to become Commander-in-Chief Middle East Land Forces.

He is glad to be going to a strictly military command which brings him nearer his life's ambition. He will be 54 next month.

General Robertson has been a man of power. His successor, Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, will need to be a man of influence.

KARL ROBSON

