

The world has seen many pictures of Mr. Churchill, and the newspapers and films continue to supply a regular commentary on his public life. Such commentaries, however, are transient.

This small collection of photographs is designed as a more permanent record—to present the Prime Minister's character and genius rather than to show him in a setting of events.

It is accompanied by quotations from his speeches which, like the illustrations, stand to remind us of a great man and an incomparable leader.

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“I have nothing to offer
but blood, toil, tears and sweat.”

MAY 13, 1940

“Not only great dangers,
but many more misfortunes,
many shortcomings,
many mistakes,
many disappointments
will surely be our lot.

Death and sorrow
will be the companions of our journey;
hardship our garment;
constancy and valour our only shield.”

OCTOBER 8, 1940

“ Come then: let us to the task,
to the battle, to the toil—
each to our part, each to our station.

Fill the armies, rule the air,
pour out the munitions,
strangle the U-boats, sweep the mines,
plough the land, build the ships,
guard the streets, succour the wounded,
uplift the downcast, and honour the brave.

Let us go forward together
in all parts of the Empire,
in all parts of the Island.

There is not a week, nor a day,
nor an hour to lose.”

JANUARY 27, 1940





"But it is not only
in those few glittering, deadly hours of
action,
which rivet all eyes,
that the strain falls upon the Navy.

Far more does it fall
in the weeks and months
of ceaseless trial and vigilance
on cold, dark, stormy seas
from whose waves at any moment
death and destruction
may leap, with sullen roar."

FEBRUARY 23, 1940

“ Do not suppose
that we are at the end of the road.
Yet, though long and hard it may be,
I have absolutely no doubt that we shall
win
a complete and decisive victory
over the forces of evil,
and that victory itself
will only be a stimulus
to further efforts to conquer ourselves
and to make our country as worthy
in the days of peace
as it is proving itself
in the hours of war.”

JANUARY 17, 1941





“ The gratitude of every home in our Island,
in our Empire, and indeed throughout the world,
except in the abodes of the guilty,
goes out to the British airmen
who, undaunted by odds,
unwearied in their constant challenge
and mortal danger,
are turning the tide of the world war
by their prowess and by their devotion.
Never in the field of human conflict
was so much owed by so many
to so few.”

AUGUST 20, 1940

"I do not at all underrate
the severity of the ordeal
which lies before us . . .

Every man and every woman
will have the chance
to show the finest qualities of their race,
and render the highest service to their cause.

For all of us, at this time,
whatever our sphere, our station,
our occupation or our duties,
it will be a help

to remember the famous lines;
'He nothing common did or mean,
Upon that memorable scene '."

JUNE 18, 1940





“Long live also
the forward march of the common people
in all the lands
towards their just and true inheritance,
and towards the broader and fuller age.”

OCTOBER 21, 1940

“I cannot doubt we have the strength
to carry a good cause forward,
and to break down the barriers which stand
between the wage-earning masses of every
land
and that free and more abundant daily life
which science is ready to afford.”

OCTOBER 1, 1939

“ But all depends now
upon the whole life-strength
of the British race
in every part of the world
and of all our associated peoples
and of all our well-wishers in every land,
doing their utmost night and day,
giving all,
daring all.
enduring all—
to the utmost—to the end.
This is no war of chieftains or of princes,
of dynasties or national ambition;
it is a war of peoples and of causes. ”

JULY 14, 1940





Residen
ek-Jugoslavie



“ We shall defend our island
whatever the cost may be.

We shall fight on the beaches,
we shall fight on the landing grounds,
we shall fight in the fields
and in the streets,
we shall fight in the hills;
we shall never surrender.”

JUNE 4, 1940

STRONG CITY OF REFUGE

“ And now it has come to us
to stand alone in the breach,
and face the worst
that the tyrant’s might and enmity can do.
Bearing ourselves humbly before God,

but conscious that we serve an unfolding purpose,
we are ready to defend our native land . . .

We are fighting *by* ourselves alone;
but we are not fighting *for* ourselves alone.

Here in this strong City of Refuge which enshrines the title-deeds of human progress

and is of deep consequence to Christian civilisation;

here, girt about by the seas and oceans where the Navy reigns;

shielded from above by the prowess and devotion of our airmen—

we await undismayed the impending assault."

JULY 14, 1940



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NIGHT PORTER



“ This wicked man,
the repository and embodiment
of many forms of soul-destroying hatred ;
this monstrous product
of former wrongs and shame,
has now resolved to try and break
our famous island race
by a process of indiscriminate slaughter
and destruction.
What he has done
is to kindle a fire in British hearts,
here and all over the world,
which will glow
long after all traces of the conflagration
he has caused in London
have been removed.”

SEPTEMBER 11, 1940

"London and our big cities
have had to stand their pounding.
They remind me
of the British squares at Waterloo.
They are not squares of soldiers,
they do not wear scarlet coats;
they are just ordinary English, Scottish
and Welsh folk,
men, women and children
standing steadfastly together.
But their spirit is the same,
their glory is the same,
and in the end
their victory will be greater
than famous Waterloo."

FEBRUARY 9, 1941





“ You share our purpose,
you will share our dangers,
you will share our anxieties,
you shall share our secrets,
and the day will come
when the British Empire
and the United States
will share together
the solemn but splendid duties
which are the crown of victory.”

MARCH 18, 1941

"Put your confidence in us.

Give us your faith and your blessing,
and under Providence all will be well.

We shall not fail or falter,

We shall not weaken or tire.

Neither the sudden shock of battle

Nor the long-drawn trials
of vigilance and exertion

will wear us down.

Give us the tools

and we will finish the job."

FEBRUARY 9, 1941







“ Let us therefore brace ourselves to our
duties,

and so bear ourselves that,

if the British Empire and its Common-
wealth

last for a thousand years,

men will still say,

‘ This was their finest hour ’ ”

JUNE 18, 1940

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