

FLASHES

To Buckingham Palace goes a regular stream of brave men to be decorated by the King. Here are some pilots and gunners. A pointer to future honours was the presence of paratroops, <sup>o whom</sup> Many more will be seen at the Palace. It's a good thing that we should now and again remind ourselves of the valiant deeds of the fighting men.

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A recipient of the British Empire Medal was Detective Inspector Thompson, <sup>of Prime Minister's</sup> ~~personal guard~~ personal guard.

Not exactly a secret weapon, but only just off the <sup>official</sup> secret list, is the rotary trench digger. It couples up to a standard tractor and proceeds to dig a trench, eight inches wide and ~~two~~ <sup>two</sup>-to-three feet deep, at the rate of 800 yards and hour. One man can <sup>handle</sup> ~~work~~ it with ease. County Agricultural Committees are using these diggers for drain laying,

and the fact that no pictures have been allowed before <sup>now</sup> indicates that the army is interested. Possibly the rotary digger may soon be working on the second front.

When peace comes, how about a model for suburban gardens, <sup>to be</sup> operated by women, while their husbands go to the pictures.

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