

OUR DEAR CHANNEL ISLANDS.

There was joy in the heart of everybody that sailed to Guernsey in the destroyer "BULLDOG" to bring freedom to the Channel Islands. Off the coast the destroyer anchored near to a rusty German minesweeper from which came a representative of the ~~German~~^{Enemy} Command. He was Lt. Zimmerman, a young man with all the most odious Nazi characteristics. He said he was not empowered to surrender but only to discuss terms. When it was made clear that there ~~was~~ would be no discussion he returned to his ship for further orders. He had the audacity to hint that unless our destroyers withdrew until midnight it might be the worse for them.

(16 flags) The next German visitor to "BULLDOG" was more sensible. With full power to sign unconditional surrender came Maj. Gen. Heine. He was received by Brig. Snow and in a few minutes the German signed eight copies of the document. Some ~~wanted~~⁴ Russia, some ~~4~~⁴ America.

Men of the Royal Navy took over the German minesweeper. There was a German garrison ten-thousand strong on Guernsey and there was a decided element of humour in the situation when a mere band of 30 British Artillerymen went ashore to take over. After very nearly 5 years of German occupation the Channel Islands were free.

Outside the Courthouse they hoisted the Union Jack. A Civil servant was in attendance ~~to conduct the~~ ~~formalities~~ and at the sight of his bowler hat some of the people sang "there'll always be an England".

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There's an enormous mass of military material in the Channel Islands, which were one of the most strongly fortified places in Europe. There was a small shooting affray after the surrender. General Heine was interrogated at British headquarters but the men concerned escaped arrest. Vice Admiral Huffmeier, the German Commander-in-Chief, was soon on his way to an English prison camp.

(54 SV Admiral) Thus ended the 5-year ordeal of the only British territory in Europe occupied by the enemy. The Channel Islands lie close to the potential ^{invasion} ~~mm~~ coast of Brittany; hence their importance to Germany. They are free once more; great supplies of food are already being delivered.