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The Siegfried Line is Germany's reply to the Maginot Line of France --- a system of underground fortifications along the front frontier. The Westwall of the Siegfried Line stretches along the Rhine and thousands of workmen are employed in its construction. But at the same time as these pictures were received in England ~~came~~ ^{came} the news that flood waters of the Rhine have compelled the German garrison to evacuate several of their advanced positions. The flooded area extends over a distance of about thirty miles, by Lauterberg and Strasbourg. It is the second time this year that parts of the Siegfried Line have been affected by floods.

The camera shows that these subterranean fortresses are based upon the general idea of France's Maginot Line but they do not appear to be nearly so well equipped or so complete. The Siegfried Line, like the Maginot Line, is purely a measure of defence. That being so we may look at these pictures with detached interest because nobody has any desire to attack Germany. The defence of the British Empire and that of its allies is all that need really concern us.