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The Bells of St. Clement's 25th January 1957

London: Sixteen years ago, the famous Bells of St. Clement's were silenced by the Luftwaffe. The blitzed church, St. Clement Danes, is to be rebuilt as the official R.A.F. Church.

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To-day, the bells have been recast and the ~~Chief Chaplain~~ Chaplain-in-Chief of the R.A.F. officiated, at the Dedication and Naming Ceremony.

Air Chief Marshal Sir Dermot Boyle named the tenor bell [redacted] in memory of Lord Trenchard. (SOUND "I NAME THIS BELL "BOOM"".)

One by one - the twelve bells were named - recalling various associations. And with the distribution of the traditional oranges and lemons - the bells sounded again - a message of hope for St. Clement Danes.

More Memories of war-time Britain were revived [redacted] at the R.A.F. Station, Kenley - with a reunion of famous flyers.

Inside the Station, a "Battle of Britain" lounge pays tribute to a brave company - while the pilots themselves - have their own "Immortal Hero" the painting of a Spitfire by David Shepherd.

Around the walls, too, are portraits of [redacted] young fighter pilots - who "reached for the sky" - and victory - in 1940. ~~their "finest hour"~~

~~Sixteen years have left their mark on the men who lived a lifetime in a few short weeks Around~~ This group [redacted] includes Group Captains Johnny Johnson, [redacted] Douglas Bader and Air Marshal Sir Richard Atcherley, (~~who commanded Kenley~~), [redacted] Heroes all!