

MR. CHURCHILL IN GERMANY

MR. Churchill takes a good look at Germany, with Field Marshall Montgomery, Sir Alan Brooke, and General Simpson of the American Ninth Army as his guides. Lunch is served inside the entrance to the citadel at Julich which used to proclaim how very German it was.

It was an historic moment, this visit of a British Prime Minister to the soil of a conquered Rhineland. How different it is, in spirit and meaning from Munich, the last time a British Premier went to Germany. A visit to a front-line gun-site produces a characteristic Churchill gesture. "Hitler - personally" he writes on the giant shell, and the great 240 millimetre gun is plotted to fire on one of the main German escape routes across the Rhine.

Mr. Churchill last visited Germany in 1931 when Hitler was a soap-box orator; this time the "Dragons' Teeth" of the Siegfried Line have been well and truly drawn - a symbol of the dream-land thousand-year Reich that fell apart before its thirteenth anniversary. "Anyone can see that one good strong blow all round will end the war in Europe," Mr. Churchill said during this trip.

Five years ago the Siegfried Line Song was a bit previous, but Pathé Gazette Cameraman Kenneth Gordon sees how the boys did hang out the washing after all.