

THE MESSAGE OF CAEN

Quiet water laps the rusted caissons of the great D-day harbour. Beyond the beaches, the shattered towns remain, bearing the message of that unforgettable day, four years ago.

To a world still blindly seeking peace, the anniversary of D-day landing is not merely a national occasion, but a glory shared by many nations. The President of France confers upon the town of Caen the highest honour of the French Republic, the Legion of Honour.

Like Malta's George Cross, it is the symbol of a great faith, and a tribute to those who died that their children and our children might carry on the quest for Peace enriched by high example.

The price of freedom is eternal vigilance and sacrifice, for the history of man has always been a fight for Liberty. The message of Caen (today at peace) burns brightly as it did on D-day. In its ruins is inspiration to nations which unite in common purpose against tyranny. Peace comes only to those who have the faith and heart to fight for it.