



MR. CHURCHILL

"Only the man who acts makes mistakes"



MARSHAL BADOGLIO

Truman) for the decision to drop the first atomic bomb on Japan.

General Fuller quotes chapter and verse to prove repeatedly, and at length, how the first two of these crimes prolonged the war and lost the peace. Had the raw materials and manpower used to build, arm, and fly the thousands of bombers employed in "Churchill's private war"—the destruction of German towns and the demoralisation of the German people—been used instead to build transport aircraft and landing craft, the campaigns in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France, Germany, and Burma would (he claims) have taken a different course, and the war would have ended at least a year earlier than it did. And since, because of the Allied policy of unconditional surrender, the Germans and Italians and the Japanese had no alternative but to continue the

fight, the insane war of annihilation dragged on to its unsatisfactory end.

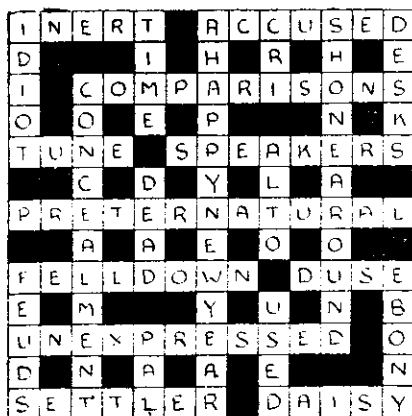
General Fuller's digest accounts of campaigns in Europe, Africa, and the Pacific are illustrated by some 60 excellent diagrams and maps, but in spite of that are not always clear, complete or accurate. He leans too heavily on the books of war correspondent tacticians for it to be otherwise. New Zealand readers looking for the operations of their own forces will be disappointed: for instance the 2nd Division's stand at Minqar Qiam in June, 1942, when the rest of the Allied forces in North Africa were in retreat is ignored, and salt is rubbed in the wound by the only mention—"the Eighth Army (at Alamein) was reinforced by a division from Syria."

He is at his best in the general sections of the book, particularly those

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"THE LISTENER" CROSSWORD

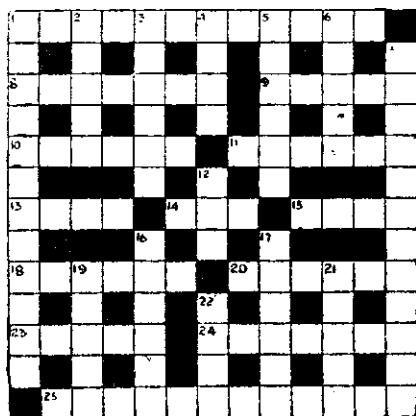
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Clues Down

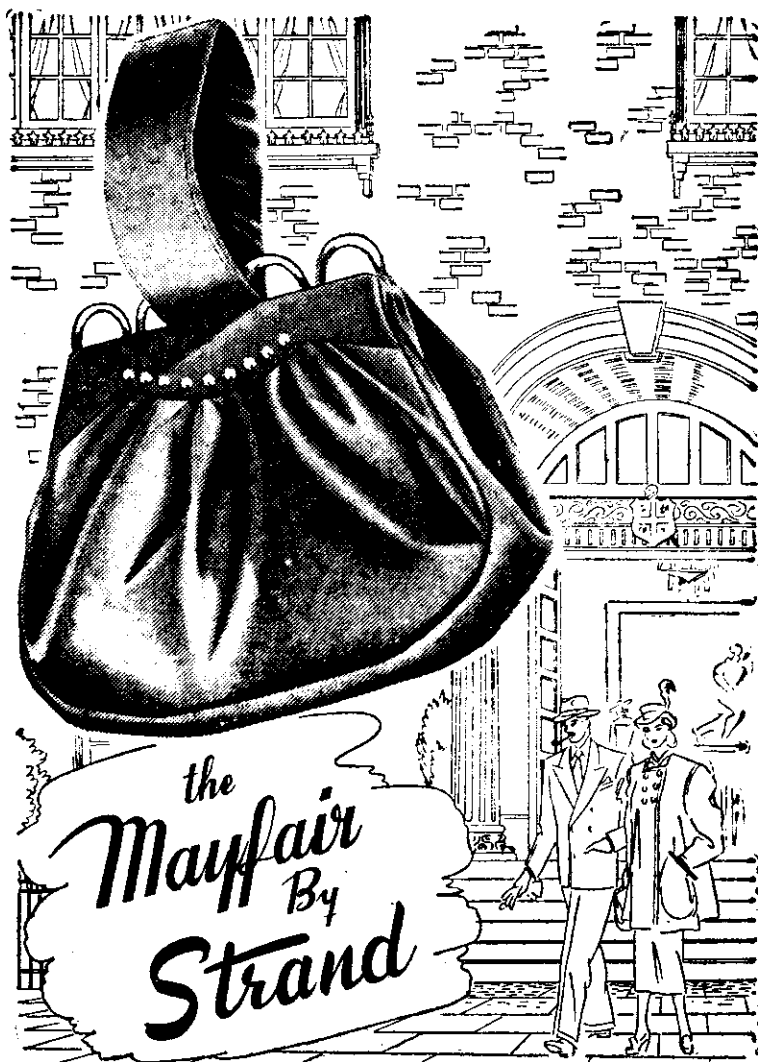
1. Body electing representative.
2. Substantives.
3. "The rocky summits, split and rent, / Formed —, dome, or battlement." ("Lady of the Lake," Scott)
4. Such stories should be told to the Marines.
5. Uncast (anag.)
6. Robed (anag.)
7. Nervous debility.
12. See 15 across.
16. Instrumentality.
17. He was discredited by the result of the recent presidential elections.
19. Ancient Athenian law-giver.
21. Homer wasn't nodding when he wrote this.
22. Ancient Greek silver coin.

No. 425 (Constructed by R.W.C.)



Clues Across

1. It takes a lot to undermine a strong one.
8. Sitting on the fence?
9. "It was, as I have seen it in his life, / A — silvered." ("Hamlet," Act 1, Sc. 2)
10. Pancakes and heads sometimes are.
11. This bird is hidden in the garden.
13. Where the sting is.
14. and 12 down. Repetitive dance?
15. As in an abbreviated manuscript.
18. Flag in the centre of seven signals.
20. Success or to Mohammed.
23. Coastal town of Panama.
24. Ten thousand times ten thousand times ten thousand.
25. Cycled on a pie (anag.)



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