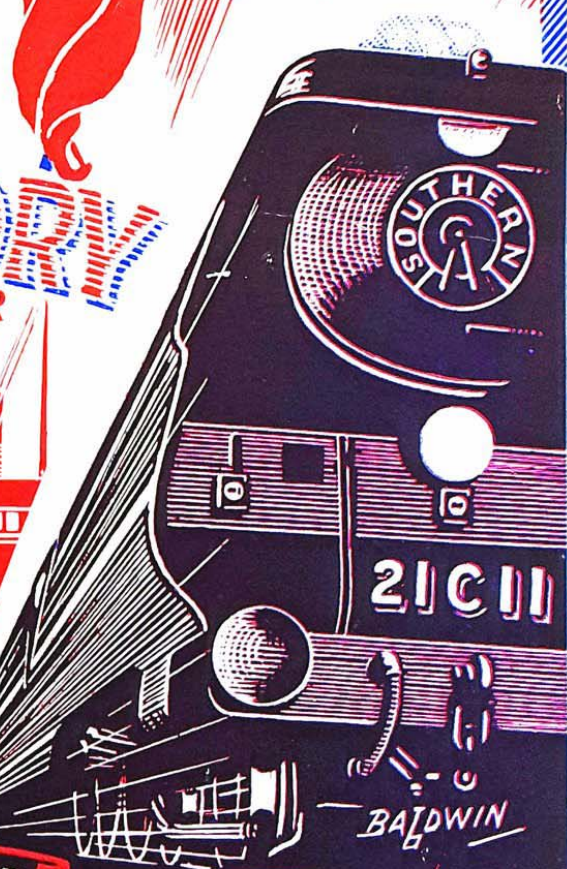
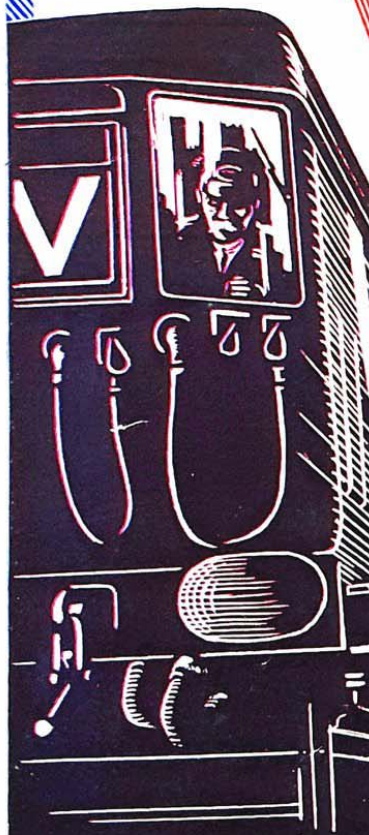


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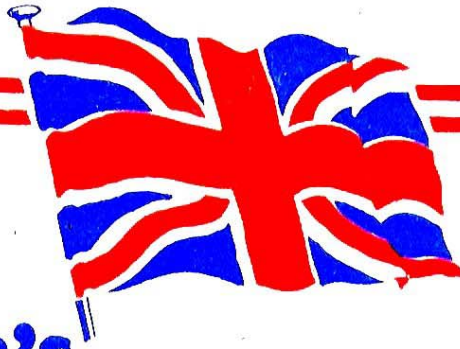
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The Chairman's Thanks



“Well
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Indeed!”

Now that the War in Europe is won I want to send a special message to thank all Southern Railway men and women for their contribution to this great and glorious achievement.

Through these long years of war you have all stood shoulder to shoulder, bearing many hardships and much suffering without complaint, and delivering the goods in spite of all the enemy could do to hamper your effort.

It has been my privilege since I have been Chairman to share some of the dangers with you, and on many occasions to see for myself the undaunted spirit which you all have shown in meeting and dealing with enemy action.

You have helped to write a great chapter in the history of the Southern Railway.

Well done indeed!

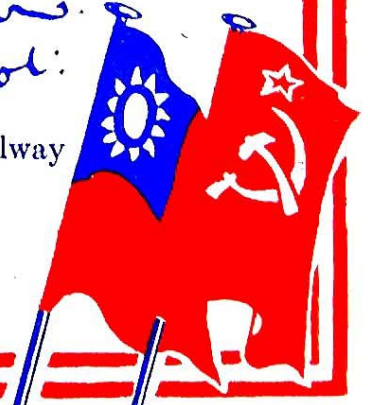
We will go forward together in confidence and in hope.

Wm. C. Coker
Col.

Chairman,
Southern Railway

CHAIRMAN'S ROOM,
WATERLOO

May 8th, 1945



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To the Men and Women of the SOUTHERN RAILWAY

"Be of good cheer. Keep a stout heart. We shall win through." Those words are taken from the first message I sent to you as General Manager in October, 1939. Although air attacks on our houses, factories and lines of transport had been anticipated, nobody then imagined that our Island would for a time be the last bastion of freedom in Europe and that the territory of our railway would indeed form the front line of battle. But we have won through by those qualities of which I reminded you in the 1942 New Year's message: "relentless determination, increasing hard work and our never-failing sense of humour."

Now, in this "V E" message, I want to thank you for the unceasing service you have so steadfastly and loyally given for nearly six years.

Many of you, I know, are tired, and others especially at this time feel acutely the personal losses of war. But I ask you to keep going with the same resolution. The war in the Far East, where many of our men are fighting and where many more will be drafted, has still to be fought to a finish. Supplies to those forces will pass over the railways and through our ports. The situation in Europe is difficult and calls for understanding and

material help. At home we have to face with energy the repairs of war damage, the rehousing of the people and the restoration of an international trade. The present Southern Railway staff, with the aid of those who will be released from the Forces, will have a special share in all these tasks.

For the post-war period we have in hand new and improved locomotives, coaches and ships; we shall rebuild out-of-date stations, and I hope that further electrification may be undertaken in the years to come. The railway, we hope, will be a vital factor in Southern England, and, with your help, life for Southern Railway men and women can be full of opportunities, with the added satisfaction that the jobs in hand are worth while and well done.

May good luck and happiness be yours and your family's. Well have you deserved it.

Edwin

