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GENERAL AUCHINLECK & THE SHERWOOD FORESTERS

The C.-in-C. India, General Sir Claude Auchinleck, visited a battalion of the Sherwood Foresters, men from Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire, about to leave for special training. He reminded them that, although they are serving in India, thousands of miles from wives and families, with many months of war still ahead, the welfare of British troops in India is constantly in his thoughts.

"The war may still take some time," he said. "The war with Germany is almost certain to be over before the war with Japan.

"Don't think that because you are out here you are going to be forgotten. I shall do my utmost to see that those of you who have to stay out here after the war with Germany is over get a square deal. The Japs have got to be beaten. Not until then can we go home and settle down.

"There will be hard fighting. Remember that you are Foresters and have their name to uphold. The best of luck to you."

The battalion had made a good name for itself in efficiency, conduct and discipline. Their bearing on parade was excellent and he was pleased with the whole turn-out.

The battalion marched past the C.-in-C., who was afterwards introduced to the officers by the Commanding Officer.

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