

## VICTORY IN THE VILLAGES

### SERVICES OF THANKSGIVING IN CHURCHES EVERYWHERE

Few Official Celebrations Until Far East  
War Is Over

#### LITTLE DOWNHAM

Thanksgiving services were held in the various places of worship throughout the parish on Sunday. In the afternoon a special service was held at the Parish Church which was filled to capacity. Parading to the Church from their headquarters were the Home Guard, under Lieut Frank Smith and 2nd-Lieut. H. Stevens; special constables, led by Acting Sgt. Hull and Res. P.C. Dewsbury; N.F.S., in charge of leading fireman G. T. Saberton; Home Nursing Division, under Acting Supt. Mrs. L. C. Tutt; the S.J.A.B. Cadets, accompanied by Mrs. Bircham (Cadet Officer), members of the British Legion and the Parish Council were also represented. The Rector (Rev. A. J. C. Young) conducted the service and delivered a touching and much appreciated address. Mr. C. A. Hull was at the organ. A collection, taken for Soldiers' Sailors' and Airmen's Families' Association, amounted to £10 15s. The National Anthem closed a memorable service.

#### STEAM ENGINE

On "Victory Night" the thanksgiving service which was held in the Methodist Chapel was conducted by Mr. H. Fletcher, and Mrs. Fletcher read the lesson. Appropriate patriotic hymns were sung and addresses were given by Messrs. G. Fletcher, W. Jordan and H. Powers. The collection, taken in aid of the Red Cross funds, amounted to £2 12s.

#### PYMOOR

A service of thanksgiving and dedication was held in Holy Trinity Church, Pymoor, on Sunday afternoon, when every seat was filled. Members of the Home Guard, A.R.P. Wardens, Special Constabulary, and the St. John Ambulance Brigade, both Nursing and Ambulance Divi-

sions and Cadet Division attended in uniform. The service was conducted by the Rev. R. G. Bircham, who also gave an address in which he spoke of the causes for thanksgiving, and suggested ways in which our thanksgiving might be demonstrated as real. Mr. Horace Brown was at the organ. The collection taken for the S.S.A.F.A. amounted to £6.