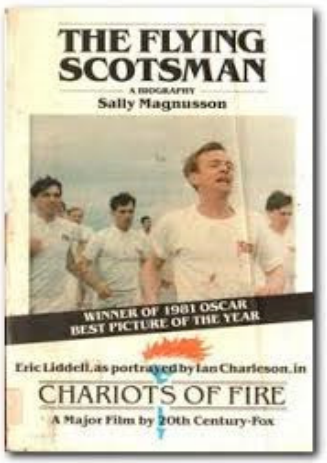
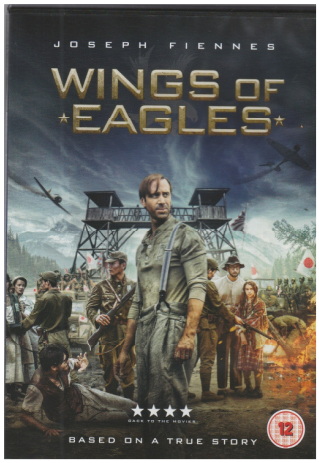
Think We May Have Been Here Before…



Everybody knows of Eric Liddell, the Scottish Olympic athlete, who would not compete on a Sunday due to his Christian faith, and most people know too that he was a missionary to China with the London Missionary Society and the China Inland Mission, dying in the Weihsien Internment Camp towards the end of World War II. In her book of the biography of Eric Liddell and his fellow missionaries, Dulce recently noticed an interesting little passage concerning their time in Japan in 1941…

"The Japanese would not permit any assemblies of more than ten people, which effectively put an end to church services. But Eric thought up the idea of a rota of reverends who would prepare a sermon, in turn, for each Sunday; the wives would then invite guests to tea on Sunday afternoons, making sure that each individual company never numbered more than ten. Sufficient copies of the sermon would be run off to ensure that each tea-party was able to have a short service round the tea-table, and the sermons were handed round with the tea-cakes."



The story is one of man's great inhumanity to man; made possible when we reject the One True God and make men our gods in His stead. Perhaps we think we could never be so deceived…

Every blessing,
Dulce Curle and Elizabeth McDonald
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