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Not far from London Bridge the little ship Nordkap II lay at anchor to disembark nine young men who have spent 13 months in Arctic exploration. Since July 1935 their home has been 600 miles from the North Pole, and their life, they said, uneventful. On returning to London one of the party caught a cold and one of the huskies had puppies.

#### TROOPSHIPS LEAVE.

The trooping season has arrived and soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines are leaving for foreign service --- leaving behind sweethearts and wives and going out to meet fresh surroundings. For many months to come this is the last they will see of old England --- and here is another detachment --- officers and men of the Northumberland Fusiliers and Royal Irish Fusiliers. Their destination is Palestine --- their job to preserve order in that unhappy land. Tommy seems happy and glad to go --- but Auld Lang Syne brings a lump to the throats of those he leaves behind him.

#### COACHING.

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Leaving the Bell <sup>Hotel</sup> at Aylesbury are ten coaches starting on a run to Princes Risborough. In a little while they pass the Bull Inn and according to the official instructions they have to keep on passing these places. No wonder coaching used to be such a thirsty business. After the Bull comes the Woolpack and scarcely is the Woolpack past when they have to turn sharp left at the Swan and then go over the Railway Bridge to the Three Crowns, and a little while later they ~~turn right and~~ go past the Black Horse. <sup>Hardly</sup> Scarcely have they forgotten the Black Horse when they run into the Nag's Head on the left. The finish was a quarter of a mile further on --- and not a pub in sight.