

U.S. AND BRITISH TROOP LEAVE FOR CHINA.

Twelve hundred strong --- American Marines left San Diego, California for the scene of a war that is none of their making. But for them the war is just as real --- the partings with wives and sweethearts just as heavily charged with sorrow. Before they left, their commanding officer, General Beaumont, explained the humane purpose of their expedition. And so they sailed away --- Uncle Sam's policemen looking after his nephews and nieces in the War Zone of the Far East.

British troops left Southampton in the new troopship which was inspected by Mr Hore-Belisha, Secretary of State for War. Falling into line with the latest improvements in Army conditions, the Dunera has accommodation that is almost luxurious, by comparison with troopships of the past. Three and four berth cabins are provided for wives and families travelling with their soldier husbands. But the men had a job of work on hand in which their families would not take part --- they were leaving for Hong Kong to look after British civilians in the battle area; a rescue party that went to war not to destroy life, but to save it.