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REPATRIATION FROM ITALY --- PRISONERS OF WAR COME HOME.

2 This was a ship that brought home to Britain men of the British Empire's fighting forces who have been released by the Italians, in exchange for Italians sent home by us. They came home singing --- and it's as good a sound to hear as any since the war began

And here they come --- to set foot again on the shores of the homeland --- much sooner than any dared to hope

From ship to shore --- and shore to train which took them inland

By contrast to those cheering, happy faces --- these are the Italians, going home to sunny Italy. But somehow there's no sunshine in their smile --- in fact, there's no smile One of them was even quite rude about it

An ambulance took our men who were wounded to hospital, where they will receive all the care and comfort they deserve. It's our war; and they're our people who are suffering; it's the duty of every one of us to see that these men, and all like them, receive the best treatment and a square deal, always

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2 Of the interviews, we have chosen this, with a man who lost one arm and was wounded in the other, in the Middle East

2 And so home, for well-earned leave: you can imagine --- no front door even looked more inviting