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WOUNDED FROM THE MIDDLE EAST.

A port in the Mediterranean is a clearing house for the wounded of the African campaign: bringing them back from the forward stations in Tunisia; some of the casualties of the 1st and 8th armies.

And others embark at this same port for Blighty. And so we come to London, to welcome home some of those who left these shores when the issue in Africa was still in the balance; who left as part of the machinery of building up our great force in the Middle East; who proved, for the first time in this war, that the British amateur soldier can still beat the German professional.

Also in London are three prisoners returned from Italy; two R.A.F.airmen and a Colour Sergeant who escaped from a Rome hospital and found sanctuary in the neutral Vatican and thus came home.

Now --- back to Africa. But the days of hard fighting along that endless desert coast are over; this is a glimpse of well-deserved rest and recreation for the men who fought so well; It's a rest camp at Derna --- one of the few attractive spots in that desolate land. It's a picture that tells its own story.

For months they struggled grimly backwards and forwards over the desert battlefield. Now Navy, Army and Air Force --- they're all welcome; and all entitled to make the most of a holiday on the Mediterranean.