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Egypt -- Following the decisions of the United Nations, Israeli troops (with their vehicles, heavy guns, and mortars), continued their withdrawal from the Sinai Desert - at a distance roughly 30 miles from the Canal Zone.

The plans for this operation had been discussed by General Burns, Commander of the United Nations Emergency Force,

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Meanwhile, Jugoslav United Nations soldiers took over positions, evacuated by the Istaeli forces. Spreading out in a narrow line, they left a "No-Man's Land" between themselves and the Back on the Canal itself, where many wrecks block the waterway, a team of British naval frogmen did an invaluable job, surveying the hulls of submerged wrecks, and passing their information to the salvage experts. German ships join the Suez operations, (already the biggest salvage fleet ever mustered)

As the Allied withdrawal continues, over 1200 officers and men what embarked in the carrier "Theseus" - en route for Malta. Here, they'll trans-ship for their journey to Britain.

And General Sir Hugh Stockwell, Commander, Allied Land Forces, came to say a personal "Thankyou", and to wish them "Bon Voyage". Sailing away from the troubled Middle East, there's the joy of well-