

WELCOME HOME!

Memories are carried back to October of last year when Liverpool saw the first big batch of repatriated prisoners-of-war arriving at the landing stage. And here in the same emotional setting are 638 more back to liberty after some four years behind German barbed wire.

The long history of this war is unfolded as we see men coming back out of the seemingly remote past. Men from Norway, Dunkirk, Crete and the early days of North Africa. The first of the stretcher cases begin to come ashore. The laughing limless and their comrades who conquer affliction with such wonderful spirit.

From here we take you to a Military reception centre where, behind a pipe band some of the lads march in to receive a right warm welcome.

There's a spring in their step - - 4 years of imprisonment has not rid them of that. They're marching again as they did in France and Greece and Egypt. The welcoming cheers are from brother soldiers who detect that unbroken spirit and show their admiration for it.

Comforts, Credits and Cash. Each man able to do so before going on 28 day's leave, is given pay and special rations. The smooth machinery of reception is explained to them.

The double food ration book; a pay book with a bank credit, and money in their pocket. Two pounds on landing and a further six pounds at the reception centre. To men who have lived such as they, that is luxury and wealth. The nation is right behind these men and they're going to be treated right - - not just for their immediate requirements, but for the new lives they have to build for themselves.

Men from every corner of Britain; men with minds and bodies to be healed and placed in the family circle again. Here is a London born Japanese captured while serving with the R.A.M.C. And here too are others interviewed at a convalescent depot.