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SERVICE NEWS

The "Empire Fowey" docks at Southampton bringing men of the First Battalion, the Middlesex Regiment, home from Korea. Known as "The Dishards," the battalion was the first British unit to land in Korea after the war began in 1950. Recently they were transferred to Hong Kong, but there's no place like Blighty and there are no people like the girls and mothers they left behind them.

One of the Tommies brought a wife back with him from China: Private William Twert and his missus, Lee Fen Chee. After taking part in ceremonial parades through London, the Dishards will soon be going on a well-earned leave.

Malta

Commandos of the Royal Marines form up on the parade ground at Floriana, Malta, as the Duke of Edinburgh presents the Queen's and Regimental colours to the 40th and 42nd and the 45th Commando. This honour is bestowed in recognition of their courage in the trouble spots of the world since the war. Now they march past the Duke in perfect precision.

The Duke, during his short visit to Malta, visits many ships of the Mediterranean fleet. And on board the aircraft-carrier H.M.S. "Theseus," he dons a Naval Air Command beret to watch her aircraft go into action -- And there's the first one away!

Object of today's exercise (held just off Malta) is to test squadrons of Fireflies, Sea Furies and Vampires against the defence thrown up by the carrier's gun-crews.

The Royal visit to Malta is nearly over and the Duke prepares to leave for Britain. On the same aircraft which flew him out, the Duke, with the Duchess of Kent, flies into London Airport. There to welcome them home is Her Majesty. With her is the Queen Mother, Princess Margaret and other members of the Royal Family.

The Queen leaves the aircraft, followed by the Duchess of Kent, home at last after her eighteen-thousand-mile journey in the Far East. Her young son, the Duke of Kent, who made the tour with her, has already gone back to school, but her two other children are at the airport today. Now the Duke of Edinburgh leaves the 'plane, followed by the Duchess of Gloucester.

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During his stay in Malta, the Duke proved himself, once more, a fine ambassador to Britain. Now the car heads for London - and home.

London

At their headquarters in London, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother inspects men of the London Scottish, famed Territorial Regiment who suffered heavy casualties in both world wars. As an Honorary Colonel she is to unveil a memorial which honours their comrades who were killed in the last war.

382 names, the names of gallant men of a very gallant regiment.