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## BRITISH TROOPS LEARN TO SKI.

Don't let the war trip you up on the Tripoli's. This is Tripoli in Syria. Far away in the Lebanon Mountains, an ex-Olympic Champion is training British soldiers to ski. It started in the winter of '41 as the 1st Australian ski-school. Now the British Army has taken it over. We show you some of the elementary training the men receive. The herring bone method of climbing, and the kick turn. It's not the easiest thing in the world to turn about with seven foot six of spruce strapped to each foot.

Within ten days, the students are negotiating their first run. It comprises climbing 500 feet in about 15 minutes and descending in three. By the time pack-carrying is done the men are well-advanced. 3000 feet in 2½ hours with 25 lbs of kit on their backs. Now comes the exhilarating descent. A drop of 3000 feet in 30 minutes.

So much for the Tripoli we had nearly forgotten about. Now let's glance at the map to see how far away it is from Tripoli in Libya. As the bomber flies, about thirteen hundred miles.

The story here is of 8th Army wounded on their way back to Alexandria. Casualties from the Tunisian front who have been flown back this far, and are now completing their journey by sea aboard a hospital ship. All of them stretcher cases, they are placed on lighters and ferried across the harbour to the Red Cross vessel which will take them to Egypt.

The long distances, the many and varied forms of travel imposed, seem to have little or no effect on their wonderful spirit - - They keep smiling.