

To be home for the Festive Season --- that was always one of the best wishes of soldiers serving overseas..... and that was the happy lot of the 1st Battalion the Royal Norfolk Regiment. A great welcome was accorded to them as they marched through Norwich to the Cathedral; for a service of thanksgiving on their return home.

This was the happy conclusion to a tour of service in the Far East, which began when they sailed in 1952 for the battlefields of Korea.

Not so happy, was the seasonal news from Sunderland..... nor was it festive. A big department store, destroyed by fire. Damage was estimated at more than a million pounds.

The big question was --- where was Santa Claus? Oh --- he? ~~take a trip down...~~

In Paris the stores have been packed as usual with novelties for the youngsters --- who know what they want and ask for it in French. One of the most <sup>popular</sup> ~~interesting~~ was a car race.

Of course there was a helicopter. And --- to get an elevated view, our cameraman went up <sup>with</sup> ~~in~~ it.

Across the other side of the world, Adelaide in South Australia, made merry with its annual pageant.

And in Seattle, in the United States, one of the biggest parties was laid on for the city's dog pound. There was a rumour going around that this was going to be one of those parties where there <sup>was plenty of food</sup> ~~was plenty of food~~ for all. But one of the things a hostess dreads, is when the guests leave the food, and eat the decorations.

There are dogs also taking part in the entertainments at Hanover in Germany. And any youngster with a tendency to over-eat, can pick up some useful hints here on how to shake down that last helping of jelly.

But one of the oldest favourites of all, is the Punch and Judy show. This was a party at Ilford, in Essex, given for the benefit of spastic children. And it does your heart good to see how these kiddies --- who suffer from so grievous a ~~handicap~~ handicap --- can lay their troubles aside.