

MEN FROM ITALY GET LEAVE.

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The convoy of more than three hundred lorries was used to bring on leave men of the Central Mediterranean Forces. From their starting place in Austria they drove across Germany, through Luxembourg and France. Most of the men were veterans of the ^{gallant} 8th Army, going on leave for the first time for some years. On the long journey they saw the path of devastation by which Germany went down to defeat. Munich, birth place of the Nazi party, was a half ruined city.

Near Dachau and its famous concentration camp they were half way to Calais. Then it was over the Rhine and through Luxembourg towards the French frontier.

Calais, through which millions of British soldiers have passed in two world wars, was the embarkation port. The men ~~were~~ were almost in sight of home.

Now they were crossing the Channel, the narrow waterway which saved the free world, and then they set foot on their native soil. The leave-train was waiting. ~~Travel was slow on other lines but there was no delay here.~~ Soon they were feasting their eyes on London, unseen by many of them since before the blitz. From Charing Cross they made their own way home. It was sad that the never-to-be-forgotten 8th Army was disbanded but at the moment they could think of only one thing, they were home again.