

HOME COME THE HEROES

As the Troopship Asturias came to the quayside at Southampton the hearts of more than 4,000 relatives leapt ~~leapt~~ with joy at the sight of the fathers, sons, brothers, home from the prisoner of war camps in Korea. There the men were, before their eyes, yet they could hardly believe it.

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The 530 men little thought, as they were dragging out a weary existence behind the Reds' wire only a few weeks ago, that they ~~would~~^{id} soon be home. Fate had treated them scurvily; now, a thousandfold, it made amands.

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Every jack man had ~~somebody~~^{folks} there, but one poor chap just couldn't connect up.

Gloucesters' Private Davies had a lovely toy for sonny..... No never mind ~~the~~^{us: we think} ~~toy~~.

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Int: "And what happened when you were with the Chinese?" ... completely good or bad?

Ans: "Pretty bad." *Myself & a few more.* "Well, we were regarded as hostile, reactionary and persecution - bad food..... confined myself for 13 months..."

Int: "What was ^{your} reaction?"

Ans: "Just not cooperative. Would not cooperate.... the tripe they dished out, ~~.....~~ D. Worker. Yes."

Int: "And where were you and what were you doing when the news of the truce came through?"

Ans: (1) *I'd just come out of jail & I'd had* "..... 3 or 4 weeks of softening up treatment. Cigarettes, sweets, candy, good food." *to make up for loss.*

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Ans: and reactionary."

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