

Korea Prisoners return in Asturias

Southampton - the constant scene of partings and greetings - has known no hour more charged with emotion than this - waiting overnight for the return of their men from Korea - with the Lady Mayoress to give official welcome. (BRING UP)

In the early morning of a grey day, the troopship Asturias comes slowly in to berth one hundred and seven; giving, for the four thousand on the quay, their first sight of five hundred and thirty men and for the men from the prison camps coming ashore - the double joy of being about to set foot at last, on friendly homeland soil - and the excited searching for long-familiar faces, after three unforgettable years. (BRING UP)

The first man comes ashore - followed by the rapid disembarkation from the unspeakable past - into the happy, tearful present; into the warmth of love and security - into the promise of the future... (BRING UP)

From all those hundreds who came ashore - we select a few for our meeting; Corporal Upjohn, of the Gloucesters, from Wimbledon.

Corporal Holdham of the Gloucesters, from Exeter. (BRING UP)

Gloucesters Lance-Corporal Hill of London - who spoke of the few who co-operated. (BRING UP) For Private Widshe, also of the Gloucesters, a young relative had travelled from their home in Wakefield. (BRING UP)

the four special trains, leaving at forty minute intervals, take the men and their families in happy re-union, back on the last stage of the long journey home. And in every one there's the gay beginning of a new life. Special decorations at Ealing for another Glorious Gloucesterman Lance Corporal Crisp. (BRING UP)

And this was the scene so often dreamed about by Private Broome, artilleryman from Bagshot. This - was the ^{dream} come wonderfully, unbelievable true. (BRING UP)