

Southampton-- Paratroops come home--

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Southampton--- As the troopship "Empire Ken", ^{arrives in dock with} bringing home 500 officers and men of the 2nd Battalion Parachute Regiment from Egypt, ~~arrives in dock~~, the weary dawn vigil of relatives and friends is over.

And the moment for which everyone ~~had~~ longed, had really come- as Colonel Coxen- their C.O. ~~and his gallant men of the Red Berets~~ ^{came back to their loved ones-} after three long years of service in the Canal Zone. ^{THEIR HAS BEEN A DIFFICULT PERIOD}

^{OF SERVICE IN} ~~Substantive~~ ^{CHANGING TIMES, BUT ABOUT THEY} ~~disembark-~~

and then board the train for the journey to Aldershot.

and after the arid wastes of the ~~desert~~ desert, what joy to watch the ~~passing~~ ^{HOME} passing green fields of ~~Blighty~~ ^{BLIGHTY}.

^{THEY'RE BACK AGAIN} Yes-- ~~it's home~~ ^{it's home} and even the barracks at Aldershot seem like a dream- ^{a dream} ~~which is~~ shared by their mascot- the winged horse Pegasus- as the men from Suez look forward to ~~some well-earned leave.~~ some well-earned leave.