

Egypt: After passing through "No Man's Land" on the way to Port Said, a United Nations contingent (nearly 200 Norwegians) were warmly greeted by British troops - who are ~~meeting~~ ^{DUG IN OPPOSITE} the Egyptians, at El Cap.

And, in Port Said Harbour, the Allied Salvage crews (mostly British) have done a magnificent job - working 24 hours a day. Already, one blockship has been raised - clearing a channel to the Canal itself, for ships up to ten thousand tons.

Against this background of quiet achievement, the Norwegian troops arrived. And these first members of the United Nations Force to reach the port got the full benefit of an anti-British demonstration.

So obstructive were the Egyptians that British troops had to clear a path through the hysterical ~~crowd~~ ^{CROWD} to enable the Norwegians to reach their camp. An unfortunate introduction to a difficult task.

Soon after this, General Burns, the United Nations Commander, arrived.

Following discussions with the Allied Chiefs, he was given permission to use Port Said ~~for his international force~~ ^{for his international force.}

Anxious for the welfare of his men, General Keightley, the Allied C-in-C (with General Stockwell) visited the forward areas, at El Cap.

~~And as the troops enjoyed a back~~ ^{And as the troops enjoyed a back} ~~arriving during a relaxation period,~~ he found that the Canal was still open...for swimmers.

Entertainment for the troops has not been forgotten. Here, on Gamil Airport, a variety-show brings a welcome link with the folks back home.

With the arrival of the Norwegian troops, the Allies have ~~withdrew~~ honoured the United Nations agreement by withdrawing, in return, the 1st Batt. Royal West Kents - which has sailed for Cyprus.

Meanwhile, study these aerial pictures of Port Said taken a few days ago. This was the Allied port of entry into Egypt - yet the town shows few scars. These pictures were issued to counter Egyptian propaganda - claiming that the town was virtually destroyed, and fifty thousand made homeless by air and sea bombardment.

That building, by the way, is the Canal Company headquarters - it stands undamaged.

~~Obviously, there was some damage. Egyptian snipers were using the~~
~~residential buildings as a base for the Canal Fire.~~

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With Egyptian snipers occupying the residential quarter - some damage was inevitable. Yet, directly after the action, water, sewage and telephone services were restored - and ~~three thousand pounds~~ of food distributed to civilians - who had ignored ~~repeated~~ the advance warning to leave the town.