

Port Said: Once it was "Take me back to dear old Blighty" - but these British troops are "dreaming of a white Christmas" for the troopship "Dilwara" is waiting to bring them home...to Britain.

And they don't need a disguise to hide their high spirits..

This was the firststage in the withdrawal from Egypt - and for these men, (many of them Reservists called back from civilian life), it brings the happy prospect of festive reunions with their families.

About 2,000 men formed this advance guard  sailing in the "Dilwara" while other troopships are already on their way to Port Said.

So once again, it's "back to Blighty" for the British Tommy - and not even petrol at six bob a gallon, (or <sup>other</sup> rising prices) will mar his well-earned celebration during the festive season.