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HAIFA, PALESTINE.

EVACUATION OF BRITISH PERSONNEL

The 18,000 ton Cunard White Star liner "Franconia" (former bride ship), left Haifa in the late evening of Saturday the 6th March with 15,000 troops and policemen, wives, children etc. The loading took place of these people in typical English weather, pouring with rain etc. There were men from all regiments in Palestine and this is the first large scale evacuation of troops. The "Samarita" will be leaving on Tuesday with a larger amount of evacuees and the "Franconia" is expected back in another month to take a further shipment of evacuees.

ROLL 1.

- Semi close up name of the ship "Franconia".
Kitbags lined up against the wall.
Shot inside shed being issued with embarkation tickets.
General view troops lined up. Shot walking along docks.
Backshot showing ship with troops approaching.
General views and close ups going on board. 6th Airborne men.
General view of luggage.

ROLL 2.

Luggage being swung aboard. General shot of troops going aboard with luggage being swung in background.
Civilians going on board. Close ups women and children.
Shots from deck of ship showing kiddies etc. coming up gangway.
Elevated shots of baggage piled on docks and people going on board.