

U.N. STRENGTH MOUNTS IN KOREA

American Marine Corps reserves say goodbye to New York. Recalled to active duty, they're off to camp.

At Pennsylvania Station the Marines say their farewells. As part of America's defence build-up they're replacing their old comrades who are turning the tide in Korea.

In Korea, Pohang lies a smoking ruin. The Reds sent ten thousand men to capture the port and the airfield a mile away. Encircled and under fire, the field is no longer useful as an air base, and planes and crews are ordered out, as ground staff goes over to defence duties.

Serviceable equipment and stores that can be saved are packed for shipment out, and orders are given for secret papers to be burned.

Anti-aircraft guns go into action over open sights against advancing infantry. Thanks to the men on the spot Pohang is now once again in United Nations hands.

Relieving columns battling over terrible ground in tropical heat are pinned by Red units who command the hills. Every time a G.I. moves mortars open fire.

Snipers are another problem. By now seasoned, the G.I.s know they must be "silenced" not just "endured." In the air action steps up as bombers and fighters fight to hold Taegu. Working to Army spotting, fighters strike at supplies and communications along the Naktang.

Towering smoke columns signal successful missions. If battles can only be won on the ground, it is only from the air that the United Nations can so far strike with full power. To re-inforce air power Britain sends two more aircraft carriers to join the United Nations fleet in Korean waters. To the assembled ship's company of H.M.S. THESEUS, the Commander-in-Chief Home Fleet, Admiral Sir Philip Vian, wishes godspeed. Hero of the Cossack incident, Admiral Vian has also commanded a carrier and knows the high standard of naval airmen.

H.M.S. Warrior carries a full load. In addition to the eight-hundred-and-fifty men of her normal crew, she's taking out reinforcements for Far Eastern garrisons. For the Marines it'll be a brief passage, but for the ship's company it's the start of months of close contact in a confined space. Their signatures set going the ship's organization. Messes and hammock-space are allocated. Watch-bills, or duty-lists, are drawn up. Ships of war have come to life in much this way ever since Nelson's day. And the spirit of Nelson abides over all, as the ships put to sea. British co-operation in the United Nations effort is indeed under way, as the THESEUS shapes her course for Korea.