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MORE BRITISH FOR KOREA

It's "All Aboard for Korea" for 1,200 men of the Slashers, the Old Braggs and the Royal Armoured Corps - they're too young for a nick-name. The troopship is the EMPIRE WINDRUSH, former Nazi strength-through-joy boat.

The Slashers and the Old Braggs are the 1st Gloucesters and the 55th Independent Squadron, R.E.'s.

They should have picked the DILMAR, Britain's latest ship, troops for the use of. Almost like the local isn't it?

When it comes to cook-house - sorry, lunch - there's Cafeteria service. That must have been Christmas pudding.

And a spring mattress to kip on! They certainly missed the boat! But Frank Wagstaff is happy - he's missed both boats. Just before sailing time the War Office said "Back to civvies, you!" He is upset! But for the boys he left behind him it's next stop Korea.

In Korea it's a tough job as Marines and South Koreans work their way through the suburbs of Seoul. There's no knowing friend from foe. As tanks spear-head the attack in house-to-house fighting, South Koreans patrol captured areas just in case. Wounded prisoners are brought in for treatment before being sent back to base.

It's a tough price the Marines pay for a tough job. America has carried most of the weight in this United Nations war. Perhaps we haven't understood just what a weight it's been. And the liberated pay, too - ordinary people who found the hand of the aggressor heavy in the hour of his defeat.