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REINFORCEMENTS FLY TO ME.

At Colchester Barracks, 2,500 men of the 19th Infantry Brigade "weigh out" - one plane-load at a time - to fly to Libya in the biggest peace-time airlift of British infantry. The contingent includes men of the Devonshire, the Royal Artillery and the Highland Light Infantry.

A spot of the 'jabs' to keep away tropical diseases and then they'll be all set for the 800-mile journey.

And here goes the first batch, en route for the airfield.

At Lymington, Hastings aircraft of the R.A.F. Transport Command load on 42 men per plane. Complete with kit they average around 240 pounds. Since it was formed 18 months ago, the brigade has spent only 3 months in barracks.

There are 80 or 90 plane-loads to get away. With the various move-rounds caused in the Middle East by the Egyptian question, it's not announced where the brigade will wind up - although somebody seems to think he knows!