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BATTLE SCARRED BUT SMILING.

To a port in South Africa a great hospital ship brings wounded British soldiers and sailors from the victorious battle zone of the Middle East. As happy a crowd of passengers as you'd find anywhere. Considering the huge scale of our campaign in the Western Desert, our casualties have been comparatively light. It won't take long to build up their health in the good South African air. Well equipped ambulances parked at the quayside await the stretcher cases as they are brought ashore with the minimum of discomfort. The finest medical attention will nurse them back to health - and after a few lazy weeks on the sunny beaches, the old campaigners will be fighting-fit again.

Many of the men go from the ship to a magnificently equipped hospital train, built by the men of the south African Railways. A perfect nursing home on wheels.

They're off for a spot of blighty in the company of good friends.