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JACK COMES ASHORE.

NAVY'S CHRISTMAS LEAVE.

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Picture:- Exit ratings from H.M.S. Nelson, wearing smiles that won't come off, not for some days at any rate. The Navy's Christmas Leave commences, and this is the first batch just come ashore to hear the word 'go'. Inspection first, to see if everyone is all present and correct. Boots polished, old school-tie correctly adjusted. Cap at right angle, and - - hello ! hello ! - - the C.P.O has rumbled somebody. No, all's well, and leave is still O.K. For the next couple of weeks in the men's life battle-ships may go hang. The bosun may talk to himself, and, as for the Admiral, well, a Merry Christmas to him ! They've all got their tickets for home and beauty. And won't she be pleased ?