

CAMERA CAVALCADE

For 200 years the ceremonial of Mounting the Guard at the Horse Guards has been one of the sights of London. Suspended during the war, the ancient custom returns. Forage cap and service dress have replaced the scarlet and blue uniforms and the plumed helmets of peacetime, but the old parade-ground precision is still the same as ever. The Royal Horse Guards, with their standard, took over from a detachment of the Life Guards who represented the old guard so as to conform to the full ceremonial. Punctually at eleven o'clock, the new sentry was posted for duty.

The outgoing sentry moves off and his successor takes up his position.

Even this austerity version of the Guard Mounting won a spontaneous welcome. Six years of war have not killed London's love for the familiar customs of peace. Another institution returning to normal is London's Zoo. First consignment of African animals for restocking the Zoo arrived from Kenya in the liner CITY OF CALCUTTA. The modern Noah's Ark had a casualty or two aboard. Dickie, the elephant, lost a tusk, and the wart hog got out of its crate and had to be persuaded with a mallet to lie down again. A playful young leopard was a handful from start to finish.

Nearly all the animals were pets on Kenya farms. Big game hunter G. S. Webb brought them to England where their first home will be the Zoo's quarantine station.

The lion told reporters what he thought about an October fog.

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Protest battalions of bomb damage repair men marched through London headed by an asbestos coffin. Downing tools at mid-day, the men got together to march to the Ministry of Health. They complain of a reduction in their pay packets caused by the resumption of Greenwich Mean Time.

Some thirty thousand of them circled concrete-protected Kres in Piccadilly on their way to Whitehall. It was an orderly procession. The only trouble caused was to London's traffic, held up in some places for many minutes. Pending a settlement between Government Departments and the repair men, house-hungry Londoners watch and wait for the next move in the drive for higher pay.

Setting feet on English soil for the first time in five years, the Duke of Windsor arrived at Henden air field from Paris.

The Duke went to Marlborough House to see his mother Queen Mary. A family reunion at which the King and the Princess Royal were present took place later in the day.

sub-title MEN OF THE EAST

Home, and the hopes of years come true as the flag-bedecked SS Corfu sailed into Southampton Water. From Far East hell spots come fifteen hundred men who have endured four years of Japanese prison camps. Knowledge of their sufferings and their courage made the joy of their welcome never far removed from tears. First off the ship was the only R.A.F. man aboard, Corporal Percy Toms.

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Toms had a reception Committee all to himself. A Wing Commander, two Flight Lieutenants and an escort of R.A.F. Officers. The regimental band of the King's Royal Rifles played the returning prisoners down the gang plank.

First job ashore was to send off these long awaited and already written telegrams that read "Home safely see you soon", telegrams to bring joy to fifteen hundred British homes.

The reception was great, the band sounded wonderful, welcoming speeches boomed over loud speakers, yet the only thing that really mattered was how to get home - quickly.

INTERVIEW