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**Title:** Middle East Command Pamphlet

**Name of creator:** Middle East Command (1939-1946)

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**Administrative history:** After the surrender of Japan in October 1945 the transport home to Britain of former prisoners of war and civilians was organised with a stop in Egypt. As many survivors were in a weakened condition the British Red Cross and St John's War Organisation provided a special gift bag. The Middle East Command organised the issue of free warm clothing at Ataka and then entertainment and facilities at Adabiya prior to departure. Special arrangements had been made with the Egyptian authorities 'who have stretched their regulations considerably to allow you to land at all without a proper medical inspection.' Red Cross and information officers were also posted on the ships travelling to Britain in order to 'put you in the picture regarding past events, the plans for Release and Resettlement' and 'the conditions you will find at home.'

**Scope and content:** Middle East Command printed information pamphlet, October 1945, entitled 'Information for those on their way home from the Far East and who are stopping at Adabiya, Suez, en route'. The pamphlet explains arrangements for the issue of free warm clothing, the issue of a special Red Cross and St John's gift bag and travel to and facilities at Adabiya camp prior to departure. Facilities and entertainments included a swimming pool, a sandy beach, trips round the harbour or to Green Island by launch, a restaurant, post office, and music with two bands playing as well as laundry facilities. The pamphlet includes a map showing Ataka and Adabiya.

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