

FROM THE EAGLE....

UK readers of a certain vintage may just recall that iconic comic of our youth, the "Eagle". Fifty-five years ago, it carried this marvellous cut-away illustration of the *Nevasa*, extolling its virtues as a troop ship. Many thanks to Barry Sanderson for loan of the actual original comic, which transported your editor to misty-eyed remembrances.



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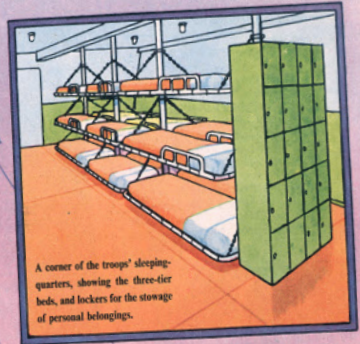
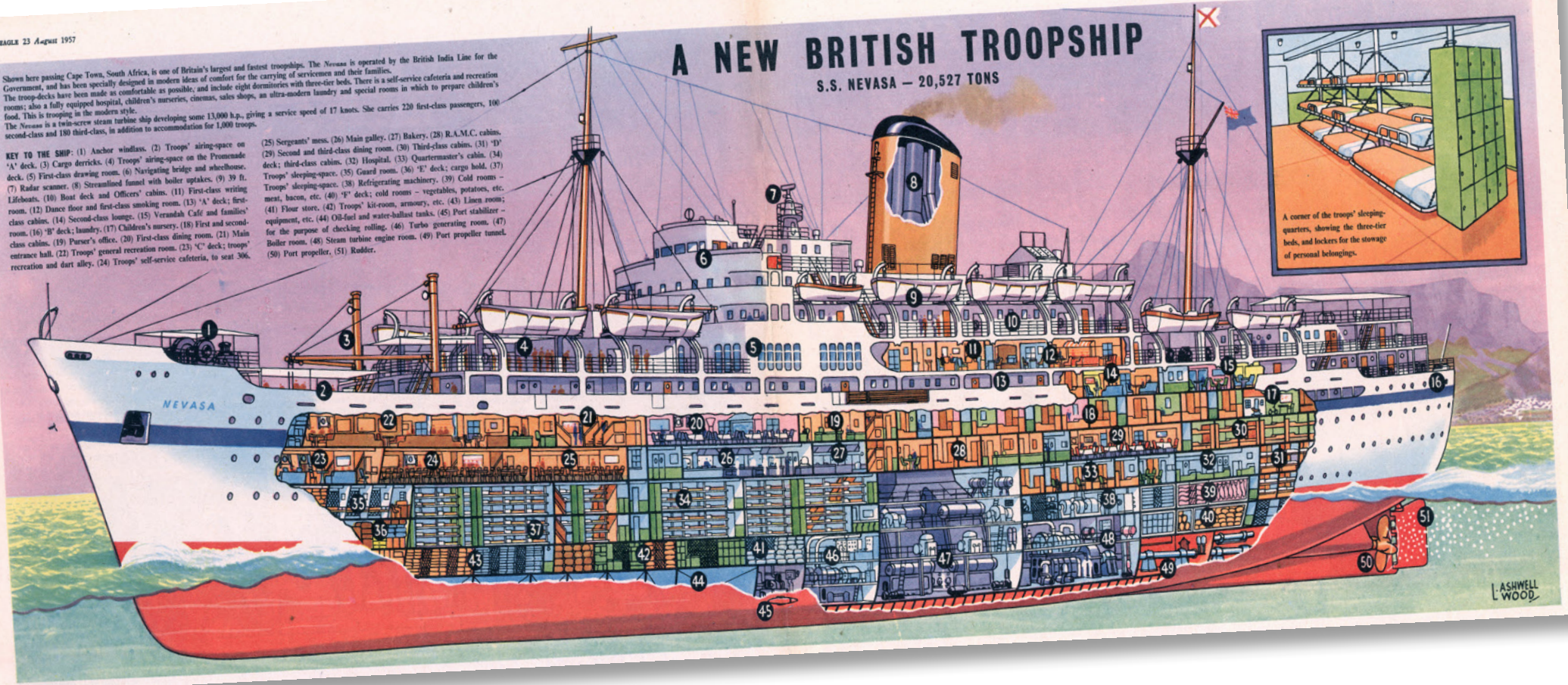
Shown here passing Cape Town, South Africa, is one of Britain's largest and fastest troopships. The *Nevasa* is operated by the British India Line for the Government, and has been specially designed in modern ideas of comfort for the carrying of servicemen and their families. The troop-decks have been made as comfortable as possible, and include eight dormitories with three-tier beds. There is a self-service cafeteria and recreation room; also a fully equipped hospital, children's nurseries, cinemas, sales shops, an ultra-modern laundry and special rooms in which to prepare children's food. This is troopship in the modern style. The *Nevasa* is a twin-screw steam turbine ship developing some 13,000 h.p., giving a service speed of 17 knots. She carries 220 first-class passengers, 100 second-class and 180 third-class, in addition to accommodation for 1,000 troops.

KEY TO THE SHIP: (1) Anchor windlass. (2) Troops' airing-space on 'A' deck. (3) Cargo derricks. (4) Troops' airing-space on the Promenade deck. (5) First-class drawing room. (6) Navigating bridge and wheelhouse. (7) Radar scanner. (8) Streamlined funnel with boiler uptakes. (9) 39 ft. Lifeboats. (10) Boat deck and Officers' cabins. (11) First-class writing room. (12) Dance floor and first-class smoking room. (13) 'A' deck; first-class cabins. (14) Second-class lounge. (15) Verandah Cafe and families' class cabins. (16) 'B' deck; laundry. (17) Children's nursery. (18) First and second-class cabins. (19) Purser's office. (20) First-class dining room. (21) Main entrance hall. (22) Troops' general recreation room. (23) 'C' deck; troops' recreation and dart alley. (24) Troops' self-service cafeteria, to seat 306.

(25) Sergeants' mess. (26) Main galley. (27) Bakery. (28) R.A.M.C. cabins. (29) Second and third-class dining room. (30) Third-class cabins. (31) 'D' deck; third-class cabins. (32) Hospital. (33) Quartermaster's cabin. (34) Troops' sleeping-space. (35) Guard room. (36) 'E' deck; cargo hold. (37) Troops' sleeping-space. (38) Refrigerating machinery. (39) Cold rooms - meat, bacon, etc. (40) 'F' deck; cold room - vegetables, potatoes, etc. (41) Flour store. (42) Troops' kit-room, armoury, etc. (43) Linen room; equipment, etc. (44) Oil-fuel and water-ballast tanks. (45) Port stabilizer for the purpose of checking rolling. (46) Turbo generating room. (47) Boiler room. (48) Steam turbine engine room. (49) Port propeller tunnel. (50) Port propeller. (51) Rudder.

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