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JEWISH BATTALION FOR SERVICE ABROAD

HAIFA, Saturday. — On the eve of their departure for "somewhere in the Middle East" a farewell reception was given to a Jewish battalion at the Arnon Theatre (here this afternoon).

Following wishes of God-speed and success by the Mayor of Haifa, Mr. Shabbetai Levy, the men were addressed by Mr. M. Shertok, head of the Political Department of the Jewish Agency, who told them that they should always remember that they represented Palestine Jewry while serving abroad and that Palestine Jewry stood by them wherever they might be.

The British Colonel commanding the Battalion assured the Mayor of Haifa that the men would be well looked after.

Entertainment was provided by Messrs. Bertenoff and Finkel of Habimah, and refreshments were served.