

# Commando Twins Back From Jungle

## FAMILY PREPARE A WARM WELCOME

**F**INAL flicks with a duster and a last-minute check that nothing had been overlooked, kept Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Gouge busy at their home, 84, Chantry Road, Gosport, last evening.

This was in preparation for the return home, after 18 months in the Malayan jungle, of their 21-year-old twin Commando sons, Edward and John.



Gosport's commando twins—Sergeant Edward Gouge (left), and Corporal John Gouge.

The troopship in which they are sailing is expected to arrive at Liverpool to-day, and the family think they will be home on Wednesday.

"But I will not believe it until they walk through the front door," said Mrs. Gouge.

"Twice before we have been disappointed.

"Once was on Boxing Day, when we had everything ready for a celebration and later found their draft had been put back."

### AFTER 11 YEARS

When the lads arrive home it will be the first occasion, since 1941, before they were bombed-out, that the whole family has been together.

Edward and John, known to the family as "Ted" and "Harry," after attending Grove Road School, joined the Army as buglers at the age of 14 within three months of one another, and at 17½ transferred to the Royal Marine Commandos.

Edward, now a sergeant, was awarded the King's Badge as the best all-round recruit, while John, a corporal, gained the King's Certificate of Merit and was only one point behind the person who won the badge.

Both left this country with the 42nd Commando in 1949 and after service in Hong-Kong went to Malaya the following June, where they have been engaged in the fighting against the bandits.

In July, 1950, John was wounded in action.

### FAMILY TRADITION

Both come from a family steeped in Royal Marine tradition. Their father served for 19 years, before being invalided, and had four brothers in the same branch of the Service, while their mother had five brothers who were Marines.

Their elder brother is also serving in the Royal Marines.

After only a fortnight, Mr. and Mrs. Gouge will once again be losing their son, John, for on February 21, he is getting married at St. John's Church, Elson, to Miss Elsie Young, of 36, Bramber Road, Gosport.