

FORTESS Monroe, Oct. 19.—The steamer John A. Warner, flag of truce boat, from Aiken's Landing, arrived last evening just before the Baltimore boat left. Five hundred and sixty Union prisoners came aboard in charge of Major R. W. Shenk. One hundred and Thirty fifth Pennsylvania. They were delayed nearly one day by running aground above City Point.

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