

5305 Soldiers Back From Overseas

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Aero Squadron, and was in London during the last German air raid. He sustained a severe injury on the left knee and spent four weeks in a hospital.

Among the Philadelphians were T. J. Hoey, 1941 East Allegheny avenue; Frank E. Lyons, 2820 North Bailey street; Charles R. Dunlop, 5408 Irving street, and Sergeant William E. Meyers.

Joseph Laner, Wilkes-Barre; Earl C. V. Fry, of Chambersburg; M. L. Knuffman, Reading, and George W. Klubaugh, of Harrisburg, were among the Pennsylvanians who returned on the liner.

Salvo of Welcoming Whistles
From the time the giant Mauretania started up the harbor shortly after 9 o'clock until the fleet of screaming and screeching tugboats pushed her into the docks, New York howled its welcome to the boys.

And the boys howled too. The Mauretania simply took New York by storm and there is every indication that the wave of rejoicing will not recede until the Lapland, Minnekahda and other troop ships arrive.

Like the Mauretania, they have been scheduled to arrive since Saturday, but heavy storms have delayed them.

Today's celebration was unorganized and in fact the army and navy officials did everything possible to discourage anything that bore a semblance to organization, but in that effort they were not successful.

Mayor Hylan took the matter in his own hands and heading a reception party that included Rodman Wanamaker, he went down the bay this morning to extend a welcome. In another tug went the newspapermen, customs and immigration officials.

Sun Shines on Heroes
The haze that hovered over the harbor obscured the ship from view until the two tugs had drawn quite close. Then a good-natured sun pushed away the haze that like a great curtain had obscured the ship from view.

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VICTORIOUS AMERICANS ARRIVE HOME



The first contingent of returning heroes from France, conspicuous among whom were many Philadelphians, arrived in New York today on the giant liner Mauretania

check the cheers and preserve something like order, the band played "Home Sweet Home." It was too much for many of the boys. In the throngs of khaki clad men were soldiers who had risked their lives in battles and scores of them who had battled with the elements above the clouds, but they could not restrain the tears.

They were game fellows and willing to die, but now they were home and like big boys gave vent to their true feelings.

Our heroes were tucked away in every corner, and even on the stairway landings rows of banks have been erected. Each bank served a precious American soldier on the passage home and what the ship lacked in her old-time color, our boys in khaki supplied in the form of real manly and red-blooded patriotism.

"I thought some of the waves would actually swamp us coming over," said Harry Cohen, of 301 South street. Cohen is attached to the 216th Aero Squadron and for several months has been stationed in England. His ship, P. H. Levi, 2541 South Seventh street, served with the same unit and came back on the Mauretania.

On the ship also were Matthew Neil, 7527 Malcolm street, and William H. Preece, of Chester. Neil is a sergeant in the 219th Aero Squadron and for five months has been stationed in Scotland.

Injured in Baby Killers' Air Raid
Gerhart, of Reading, is the only man from eastern Pennsylvania, who was wounded in the British flying corps was shot down over Ostend and sustained forty-two wounds. Twelve bones were broken in the fall and how he managed to escape with his life is still a mystery to the surgeons.

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1100 WOUNDED HEROES ARRIVE AT HOBOKEN

New York, Dec. 2.—(By A. P.)—The men who helped pay the inevitable price of victory in the great war are coming home, but there will be no parades for them, no march down Fifth avenue, or cheering hordes of onlookers.

The hospital ship Northern Pacific docked at Hoboken last night with 1100 wounded soldiers and marines on board, including forty officers. She steamed slowly through the Narrows after dark, hours late, because of the heavy head winds.

For the returning heroes there was none of the martial pomp which sent them away. A few of the "walking wounded" lined the rail as the vessel came abreast of the Statue of Liberty and there was a feeble cheer so Bar-

thold's emblem of freedom welcomed them to the harbor.

Shortly before the Mauretania dropped anchor, the Northern Pacific, passed by the bay unharmed and docked at Hoboken. Nearly half of the heroes aboard were badly wounded, one section being given over to men who have lost legs and another to those who have had arms amputated. Red Cross nurses supervised the work of removing the men to nearby army hospitals today.

On board the Canopic are the first Handley-Page acceptance party, the 211th, 282d and 308th Aero Squadrons, five officers and fifteen men of medical detachment, casualties and six unattached officers.

This makes a total of 13,500 officers and men now on route home from England, representing nearly two-thirds of the total number of American troops in that country when the armistice was signed.

Our boys got the better of the British

For her North River pier Mayor Hylan and his party were aboard. The Mayor announced that Secretary of War Baker had denied his request that the troops parade in New York before going to camp.

Heavy storms delayed the giant transport's voyage, so that she was unable to dock at noon yesterday, as was expected, and it was not until 7 o'clock last night that the liner entered the narrow, too late to pass quarantine. She anchored for the night in Gravesend Bay, in sight of the lighted Statue of Liberty.

Washington, Dec. 2.—Notice was received by the War Department yesterday of the sailing from Liverpool on November 29 of the steamship Ascanius for New York with forty-seven officers and 1427 men, and the steamship Canopic for Boston with fifty-four officers and 1067 men. All on board both steamships are auto units except a few casualties and unattached officers.

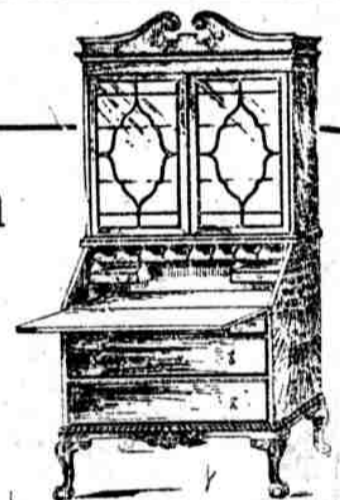
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