

20,447 SOLDIERS GET HOME TO-DAY ON 8 TROOPSHIPS

Eight Vessels Bringing 16,714 Men Dock During Day—More Rainbows Here.

Seven American transports and one French liner landed 16,714 homecoming American soldiers here to-day.

Included in the arrivals were 1,800 more men of the Rainbow Division who will join more than 20,000 other members of the division at Camp Mills and Merritt.

The Minnesota brought 1991 men of the 11th Infantry, which was made up in part of what was formerly the 8th Pennsylvania Infantry.

Col. Edward C. Shannon in command of the 25 officers and 1,964 men who returned said the 25th Division had suffered 60 per cent. casualties.

There are seventy-seven silver rings on the staff of the regimental colors commemorating battles through which they have been carried.

More than half of the 2,181 army passengers on the Texan were recruited on the Pacific Coast and are now commanded by Col. J. R. Holman, who wears the Distinguished Service Medal.

The 497th Telegraph Battalion, commanded by Major F. W. Mastin of No. 210 Parkside Avenue, Brooklyn, and the 415th Telegraph Battalion were also on the Texan.

The Freedom brought the 1st Trench Mortar Battery, formerly the 4th Delaware Infantry, and Base Hospital No. 19 from Rochester, N. Y.

Base Hospital No. 48 was organized by surgeons and nurses from the Metropolitan Hospital on Blackwell's Island. It went aboard with 36 officers and 235 men.

The Helvetic entered the harbor this afternoon and went to the army base pier at Morton Street. She has 93 officers and 1541 men of the "Lucky Thirtieth" Engineers from Chicago who made a great record building and operating military railroads and in combat in the Champagne, St. Mihiel and Argonne battles.

The American, with 7,042 troops, largely 7th Division men, went to Hoboken.

The French liner, La Lorraine, with 554 troops, tied up at the foot of West 16th Street at 9 o'clock.

The West Malakoe, with eight casualties, was at Hoboken at 10 o'clock.

OTTAWA, April 25.—An official announcement was made to-day that Sir Robert Baden-Powell, founder of the Boy Scouts of England, will arrive at Halifax, accompanied by Lady Baden-Powell, on May 7.

The purpose of Sir Robert Baden-Powell's visit to the United States and Canada is to mature plans for the formation of an international committee embracing officials of Boy Scout organizations in all countries throughout the world.

Old Leader of Saville Dead. (Special to The Evening World.) BAYVILLE, N. Y., April 28.—Mrs. Hannah S. Bodell, eighty-one, widow of William Bodell, died here to-day. She was born in Bayville.

Lost Battalion Survivors of the Argonne And Their Leaders Who Came Home To-Day



THE LOST BATTALION

"BRIGHT EYES" OF SPIRITUALISM DIES IN BOSTON

May Pepper-Vanderbilt Was Once Pastor of Brooklyn Church and "Bishop."

BOSTON, April 28.—Mrs. May S. Pepper-Vanderbilt, noted spiritualistic medium, died here yesterday. At the time of her marriage in 1907 to E. Ward Vanderbilt of New York she was pastor of the First Spiritualistic Church of Brooklyn and Bishop of the Spiritualistic cult of that city.

She was born Mary Ann Scannell and married George W. Pepper, from whom she was later divorced in 1889. The marriage to Mr. Vanderbilt and the suit of the bridegroom's daughter to have him declared an incompetent and the marriage annulled brought into public notice "Little Bright Eyes." This was the "control" of the medium, to whom she gave full credit for bringing them together.

Her "control" was supposed to have picked up these letters, made announcements as to what was mentioned in them and when the writer of the letter spoke. Mrs. Pepper had intimate conversation with him regarding his personal affairs.

The church was at No. 258 Monroe Street and after many months of possession Mrs. Pepper styled it the "Aurora Gracia Cathedral" and called herself a bishop. Many who took an interest in Spiritualism had serious regard for the "powers" of Mrs. Pepper. Among them were Dr. L. K. Frank, the publisher; the Rev. Dr. Heber Newton and Dr. Hyslop. None of them stood by her as a Spiritualist.

Her "control" was supposed to be a half-breed, French-Indian girl of nine years. When the woman first began to talk as the mouthpiece of this person whom she called "Little Bright Eyes" the "control's" English was very ungrammatical. Mrs. Pepper appealed to "Bright Eyes," whose language thereafter improved noticeably.

LOST BATTALION SURVIVORS HOME WITH 6,000 77TH MEN

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Kaufman of Company K and Private Jack Hershckowitz of Company C, who already had the Distinguished Service Cross. Hershckowitz was decorated for carrying a message through Germans who had already killed three runners. Kaufman broke up a machine gun nest single-handed after he had been wounded.

Capt. William J. Cullen of No. 1187 Woodcrest Avenue, the Bronx, who commanded the left flank of the Lost Battalion, has the D. S. C. and French War Cross.

GREETED BY OFFICER WHO LED RESCUING FORCE.

About 190 men who fought in the Argonne as the Lost Battalion were on the ship. The first man who was spotted on the pier at Hoboken was Major Carl P. McKinney, the Regular Army officer who fought night and day at the head of two battalions of the 26th Infantry and finally brought the first relief to the men of the 26th.

Major McKinney is now on duty at the Port of Embarkation. On account of heavy casualties prior to Oct. 1 the 37th Infantry Battalion of 620 men was made up of Companies A, B, C, E, G and H of the 26th, Company K of the 26th and detachments of machine guns from Companies C and D of the 26th Machine Gun Battalion.

The advance guard was ordered to break through the line. They did so, pushing their way down the roads between hills and into a pocket at the base of a hill on the road leading into Dinaville.

The battalion, Capt. Cullen said, had been sent up to make an advance in the direction of Dinaville-Maulin de Charlevaux. Company B, commanded by Lieut. Harry Rogers (killed) and Company H, led by Capt. Cullen, preceded the battalion as an advance guard, and running into a cluster of machine gun nests took ten German guns, two officers and twenty-eight men.

"Here," said Capt. Cullen, "we found that we were surrounded on all sides by Germans. We decided to communicate with the main column and Rogers sent a message back to Major Whittlesey, who joined us promptly."

"Our position was revealed, unfortunately by one of the members of the Major's staff, who fired at a German. He saw some distance away. Immediately we became the centre of a German machine gun barrage. Company H being detailed to cover the left flank, I started to advance, found advance impossible, and gave orders to 'dig in.' Held in this position for practically six days and six nights, we were subjected to five direct attacks, numerous attacks on our flank and a constant battery of machine gun and hand grenade attacks. Most of the time the men sub-

DAYLIGHT BANDITS ASSAULT AND ROB BANKER OF \$10,000

Charles Fishback Seized By Two Armed Men As He Opens Door of Safe.

Just after Charles Fishback, a private banker at No. 114 Essex Street had opened his establishment this morning and had swung back the door of the safe, two young men entered. One of them, wearing an army overcoat, showed Fishback a Victory Loan receipt coupon book on which one payment of \$2 had been made and asked what it was worth.

"I cannot buy it," the banker said. Immediately the man put the muzzle of a revolver against Fishback's breast and said, "Then keep still until we get through with you."

The other man ran around the end of the counter and struck the banker over the head with a blackjack, knocking him down. The man with the revolver knelt on Fishback's chest, putting one hand over his mouth. The other man went to the safe. A moment later both ran from the bank.

When Fishback reached the door neither one of them was to be seen. The street was crowded. The banker found one of two persons who saw two men leave his place, one wearing an army overcoat, and jump into an automobile, which turned west on Rivington Street.

About \$7,000 worth of bonds and \$3,000 in cash was missing from the safe.

safoe Irwin. The other units of the regiment returned last week. Friends of those aboard had an unexpected privilege, that of chatting with the men at close hand. After the vessel docked the men were marched to Piers 2 and 3 and placed in the iron enclosures. Their friends met them face to face and shook hands through the fence. Cigarettes, fruit and other goodies were passed through and distributed among the boys.

The trip over was good, according to the men, although the America narrowly escaped destruction by one of the floating mines which had not been netted outside of Brest on her way into the French port. The mine was seized and the America's gunners fired on it, but failed to destroy it. A wireless was sent to Brest and another vessel came out and blew up the mine.

Six of his men, according to Frank W. Walker, No. 3714 Third Avenue, killed 167 Germans in a little compartment on the side of a hill at Dinaville, near the Argonne. Three hundred Germans who fell in the same battle were also buried.

MORE THAN 1,600 MEN OF 307TH ALSO ON AMERICA.

The detachment of the 307th Infantry included the Headquarters, Supply, Machine Gun companies, the Medical Detachment and Companies A, B, C, D, E and F, 56 officers and 1,592 men under command of

"PREMIER BABY" IS NEVER PETTED NOR CODDLED

Geraldine Bonabeau Eats And Sleeps on Schedule—Thanks Mother for Health.

Officially proclaimed the very finest baby in all New York, Mrs. Geraldine Bonabeau bears her honors modestly. She consented readily to be interviewed to-day when told that Evening World readers would like to know what had brought her to the state of perfection that resulted in the Mayor's Medal being conferred on her Saturday at the Milk and Dairy Farm Exposition in the 121st Regiment Armory.

"There is really nothing so very wonderful about me," she said, speaking, of course, through her competent and comely little mother, Mrs. Katherine Bonabeau, of No. 1121 Gates Avenue, Ridgewood, Queens. "It is mostly a matter of training, you know, and my mother put me on the right road right from the start. The credit for the health and good looks I have developed in the seven months of my life—I do hope you will not think I am conceited—really belongs to her."

"Mother had and still has decided views as to how a baby ought to be reared. She had quite a fight on her hands to get it over at first, but everybody understands her position now and nobody would think of questioning her commands."

"I am a first child, and I have two grandmothers and a great-grandmother near me. You can see what that meant. My earliest memory is of hearing people say, 'She is a little darling, but she is sure to be terribly spoiled with that loving bunch around her.' HIS BABY WAS NOT JOUNCED NOR BOUNCED.

"But they hadn't counted on mother. 'No coddling or jouncing,' she said, when I was a mere infant, and so it has been. She won't let anybody but herself pick me up. This has been good, both for my health and my disposition. And anyway I am sure I would be bored to death if everybody who came near me thought he or she had to swing me up from my comfortable crib just to tickle me or talk foolish baby talk to me. The way I have seen them do with other babies."

"Then there is the matter of regular hours. That is most important, and mother thinks you can't start them too soon. I am fed and sleep strictly according to schedule, and have done so all my life. I soon learned that I could not put anything over on mother by crying. I am glad now of the lesson. If there's anything really the matter with me, of course I get prompt attention—mother doesn't think you can't start to use my crying just to have some one walk the floor with me at night or get me when I ought to be sound asleep. Mother says, 'Don't let anybody pick me up, or there would be nothing for me to do except cry it out and then go back to sleep.'"

"I found that out a long time ago and now when I refer to the evening it is to sleep all night. I have heard neighbors say you would never know there was a baby in the house if they did not cry."

FRESH AIR KEEPS BABY WELL AND MOTHER, TOO. "I am strictly a fresh air baby. More cold can't keep me in. Mother has me out in my carriage almost all day long, even in the winter, though, of course, she is careful to protect me from dampness or dust. I have heard people say when she starts out with me on cold days, 'What is she taking that child out in weather like this? Why, she'll catch her death of cold.' Mother just smiles. And I think those rosy cheeks of mine are due, in large measure, to my being out all the time. The fresh air keeps mother well, too, and, of course, that means I get the proper nourishment."

"Mother feeds me only at stated hours. When I have had as much food as is necessary for me she puts me down. I have learned she knows what I need. I never protest. This regular feeding keeps my digestion, and hence my nerves and general health, in good shape."

"I have never had a sick day in my life and now, at seven months, I weigh eighteen and a half pounds. I have had two teeth for two weeks, and there are two more coming out. Anybody who believes in the testing has not troubled me at all. You see, the good constitution that was built up by proper feeding and fresh air, practically ever since I was born, carried me through without the usual squabbles and ructions that usually accompany the teething period."

"I have heard Mother say any woman can get the same results with a baby that she did with me, provided the baby is healthy to start with, as of course I was, and provided they begin the proper training early enough. It is, she says, mostly a matter of using common sense regarding food, sleep, regular hours and fresh air, practically from the time the baby is born."

Geraldine is as pretty as her disposition would indicate and, besides,

New York's Finest Baby, Who Eats and Sleeps by Schedule



GERALDINE BONABEAU

is entitled to credit for her disposition and the state of her nerves. It seemed enough to fluster any baby when a crowd of several thousands pressed around her, laughing, waving and even cheering. Saturday, when Health Commissioner Copeland pinned the medal on her; but she only smiled and waved her chubby hands. She was just as self-possessed when she posed for her photograph.

GERALDINE HAD TO BEAT SOME FINE BABIES FOR PRIZE. The bestowal of the prize on Geraldine is the result of a contest that covered all the five boroughs and that had been going on all last week. Each borough was divided into districts. Judges picked out the healthiest and best developed baby under two years old and the healthiest and best developed child from 2 to 4 years old, in each district. These babies then were judged, and the best from each borough were picked out. Then the borough choices were pitted against each other and the best babies in each class in the whole greater city were selected.

After that came the final contest, when the city's best baby under two years of age was pitted against the best from two to six—who was Alice Wolff, two years and six months old, of No. 1413 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn. Geraldine won, making her the premier baby of all New York.

Little Miss Wolff also is a beauty. She is rosy-cheeked and blue-eyed, and so robust that everybody takes her for a boy. She has been a lottie baby almost since birth. Her mother, Mrs. Frances Wolff, thinks that proper feeding on the lines laid down in formulas obtained at the milk station nearest her home have kept her so well.

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