

# EMOTIONS MINGLED AS LAST OF 79TH LEFT ST. NAZAIRE

## Sergeant Zeisberg's Diary Tells of Joy Over Coming Home and Sorrow at Leaving Greatest Adventure

[This is the fourth of a series of articles covering the diary of Sergeant Carl Zeisberg, of the Seventy-ninth Division.]

**Sunday, May 18.**  
The last hike on French soil began at 10:15 a. m. and took the headquarters troops along the sparkling waterfront to the Basin de St. Nazaire, where, at Dock No. 2, lay the liner Kroonland, our boat, looming up sky-blue and big with its slender funnels. Booms were dropping baggage into the hold and the 304th Engineers were filing up the gangplank to the air of "Hail, Hail! The Gang's All Here!" played by the ship's band. In this band George Carl Randall, of Ambler, Pa., was playing his trombone with an extra flourish, knowing that Pennsylvanians were coming on board. There were many familiar faces of Philadelphians in the line of Engineers. There went Master Engineer Harry Booz, a photographer at 56 North Eighth street, who snapped many a war picture during the campaign days. He was carefully conveying up the gangplank a hard-boiled egg that he had brought all the way from Andolet.

**Grins Are Bright and Wide**  
Everybody was grinning from ear to ear. After being the farewell guests of the Y. M. C. A., at a luncheon of cocoa, cakes, chocolate, gum and cigarettes we, too, filed aboard the vessel at noon. It was commonplace, this parting with the war-torn soil of France; there were warehouses, cobblestones, a railway track sunk in concrete, and up the steep gangplank we scrambled with our packs, shouting in turn our "last names first," as ordered. Down a steep iron stairway the line led to Compartment D-1 and the bunks. There were 264 of them, uniformly of canvas stretched across iron piping. They were arranged in tiers, four bunks high, that filled the white-painted compartment.

Sergeant Frank M. Scheffey, of Pottstown, Pa., investigated the dimensions of the cramped spaces and reported as follows: From floor to first bunk, one span; vertical distance between bunks, two spans; length of bunk, eight spans; width of bunk, two spans; width of aisles between bunks, three spans. He deduced that each man was allowed forty-eight cubic spaces in which to sleep and deposit his personal belongings.

During the interim between embarking and sailing, something was learned of the boat from the friendly sailors. The Kroonland was a Red Star liner, "the empress of the seas," built at Cramp's Shipyard, Philadelphia, in 1902. It helped to take the Twenty-eighth Division back to the Keystone state. It is 530 feet long and has a 20,000-ton displacement. Its speed is fourteen or fifteen knots an hour. It would make the trip in ten days. The commander was Commander R. M. Griswold, who was thanked by General Rockenbach for his speed in getting the Kroonland loaded in one day.

**Four O'clock When Ship Starts**  
It was 4 o'clock when a tug nosed the Kroonland out into the basin and the lock leading to the mouth of the river. A Sunday afternoon crowd thronged the iron railings above the sides of the lock and watched with interest the tossing of money and cigarettes by the soldiers to the street urchins below. There was a window in mourning, beside an American in olive drab, who looked with envy at the boat load of his westward-going countrymen; a priest, a French officer, a fat man, who might be a baker, and his family; a pretty girl in a blue-green sweater, who plucked nervously with white-gloved fingers at an armful of wild flowers and threw kisses to someone on board; another woman, in mourning; a French sailor; more Americans, shouting something.

A shower of potatoes from an upper deck deluged the gangway, and the soldiers with the missiles and soon a bombardment was in progress. The 204th Engineers' Band, directed by Andrew Golembeski, of Philadelphia, struck up the "Stars and Stripes Forever," then "Homeward Bound." Hearts beat fast. The ship slid through the lock. A knotted rope was thrown down the side and up scrambled an urchin in olive-drab amid the threats of a military policeman to shoot and the cheers of a group of soldiers, determined to take the boy mascot to the states in spite of all regulations forbidding such a procedure.

**Cheer Is Spontaneous**  
The troopship swung out into the open water, where the outrushing tide seized it; the decks trembled with the vibration of the engines. We were off. A wild cheer of exultation burst out spontaneously, then was stilled as suddenly. Thus, with their dead behind them, among the hills of French Lore, beyond the gray horizon, sailed homeward the last units of the Seventy-ninth Division. The pent-up emotion of the 3600 men on board may be crystallized in one word from Captain Albert C. Rubel, of the 304th Engineers, winner of a D. S. C., who was leaning over the rail, watching the receding shore line of rock, gray and grass green. "Hooryay," he murmured. "It was tanks, not an exclamation."

Relief was read on every face, because we were going home. All were glad, supremely glad, yet under the

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# TROOPS ASSIGNED TO EARLY CONVOY

## Engineer Units Among Those Which Soon Will Return From France

Washington, June 3.—(By A. P.)—Organizations assigned to early return include:

Service Park Units 707 and 708; Companies I and H, Thirty-fourth Engineers; Company C, 544th Engineers; Camp Hospitals 28 and 61; Thirtieth Company Transportation Corps; Veterinary Hospital 18; Field Remount Squadron 307; Pack Trains 302, 303 and 304; Headquarters and Company A, 515th Engineer Service Battalion; 100th Engineer Train; 110th and 121st Companies, Transportation Corps; Twenty-ninth and Forty-eighth Companies and Company A, Twentieth Engineers; Bakery Company 12; Company C, 530th Engineer Service Battalion; Camp Hospitals 6, 30, 108 and 119; Companies B, C and D, 321st

# MISSING AVIATOR SOUGHT

## Three Airplanes Start on Hunt for British Ace

Mineola, N. Y., June 3.—(By A. P.)—In the hope of finding Captain Manhell R. James, the British ace, who has been missing since last Thursday when he attempted to fly from Lee, Mass., to Hazelhurst aviation field, three airplanes left Hazelhurst this morning.

The squadron was sent out at the request of the British military mission and was commanded by Colonel Archie Miller, commander of the Long Island flying field.

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## Fresh Organdies

Have you noticed how many girls and young women are blossoming out in sheer, summery frocks of this pretty material? So many people are buying it that it is very hard to keep a supply on hand. Newly arrived are two qualities, 40 inches wide, at 45c and 59c a yard. They are in orchid, rose, Copenhagen, tan, biscuit, maize, sunset, Nile, white, navy and black. A pretty fashion is the use of two shades in one frock.

(Central)

## Rompers That Mean Happy Summer Days

to many a mother as well as the children, for they save much energy and patience that might otherwise be spent in making such garments.

New rompers of cool dimity and crepe are just unpacked. They are prettily smocked or embroidered with French knots in dainty colors. Some have little colored collars and cuffs finished with tiny white ruffles.

Others of white poplin or pink or blue chambray are deftly finished with smocking or contrasting collars and cuffs.

Prices are \$2.50 to \$3.50. Sizes 1 to 4 years.

(Central)

## These Jolly Sports Wraps Will Start Many Vacation Plans

They're the pretty things you see at country clubs, on the Boardwalk and other pleasant outdoor places where well-dressed people gather.

Smart capes and well-cut coats are to be had in satin, silk poplin and other soft materials in gay colors, often trimmed with angora or brushed wool. \$19.50 to \$75.

Scarfs and capes of sweater cloth, belted and fringed, are \$7.50 to \$45.

Velvet jackets and capes—very fashionable with white serge or flannel skirts—are \$19.50 to \$45.

Rough weather capes and coats of tweed and rubberized material are \$4.50 to \$50.

## Clearaway Prices Prevail

on almost the entire stock of wool capes and dolmans and the reduced prices range from \$6.50 to \$49.50 with wonderfully good values at \$10.50, \$15, \$19.50 and \$35.

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## To Feel the Real Delight of Summer

you should pay a visit to the Dress Store. There you can walk through a lane of Summer dresses of airy lightness and end in a garden whose walls are radiant with frocks.



## White Frocks Will Beckon to the Girl About to Graduate

Whether it is crisp organdie, airy net or voile or soft Georgette or crepe de chine that she is seeking, she'll find it here. The simpler ones are trimmed with frills of net or bands of embroidery, the more elaborate models with beads, and between \$15 and \$35 there are scores of different styles.

## Just to the Left Are All the Blues of the Sky

from noonday blue to soft twilight. These dresses are mostly of Georgette crepe, crepe meteor and crepe de chine and are \$15 to \$45.

## Organdies Have a Charm of Their Own

and are to be had in orchid, rose, flesh pink, white, peach and sunset. A lovely old-fashioned dress printed with big bouquets of Dresden flowers is sketched. The ribbon girdle carries out the predominant color in the design, pink, blue or orchid. \$27.50. Other organdie frocks are \$15 to \$32.50.

## For Underslips

to wear beneath Summer dresses of net or Georgette crepe there is nothing quite so good as soft white habutai silk. The 27-inch width is to be had for 75c and the 36-inch width is \$1 to \$2.

## Summer Combination Suits for Women, 60c

These are of cool ribbed white cotton in a low-neck sleeveless style with lace-trimmed knees. In both regular and extra sizes.

## White Underthings That Brides and Graduating Girls Will Like to Know About

The loveliest of white satin petticoats, frilly and frosty as a wedding cake, have deep flounces or inset panels with chiffon underlays. \$9.75 and \$12.50.

Long bloomers, or pettibockers as they're called, are of white silk jersey at \$5.50 and satin at \$6.50. Knee-length white satin bloomers are \$5.

White envelope chemises of satin or crepe de chine trimmed with lace or combined with Georgette are \$6.75.

Satin and crepe de chine camisoles are \$1, \$1.50 and \$2; the last has cap sleeves.

White tub silk petticoats with double panels are \$3.85.

Cotton petticoats with deep flounces of embroidery or lace and knots of ribbon are \$1.50 to \$6.50.

## Some Special White Skirts

White skirt weather is here with plenty of attractive new skirts. The latest arrivals are all marked at special prices and are worth noting.

A novelty white striped gabardine with patch pockets is \$3.75.

Fine gabardine made with a prettily tucked belt and pockets is \$5.75.

The skirt sketched is an attractive style, also of fine gabardine, at \$6.50.

Fine Sample Skirts at \$6.50

There are just about thirty of these attractive skirts, all white and in the newest Summer styles. Braiding and embroidery adorn many of them.

## Summer Net Corsets \$1.50

Many have been the calls for these, and we are glad they are here so promptly. They have medium bust and average length skirt, and any woman with an average figure will find them most comfortable for the warm weather.

Some new Adora models of pink or white coutil are here at \$1.50.

## Cool Suits for Small Boys

are in a comfortable style, becoming to little chaps of 5 to 8.

They are middy suits of sturdy cotton in tans, green, brown, gray, cadet and navy blue. And they are thoroughly well-made little suits. The white collars, cuffs and shields are braided and a cord around the neck has a little whistle on the end. \$3.50.

## More of Those Good Madras Shirts for Men, \$1.45

The last lot went out so quickly that as soon as we were able we secured more of them. These comfortable shirts are made of sturdy woven madras in stripes of many colors and have five-button center pleats and soft cuffs.

## White Ribbons for Graduates and Brides

Yards of shimmering white loveliness are here in brocade, moire and plain satin and taffeta ribbons. In sash widths they start at 55c and go to \$1.10 a yard.

## What a Fluttering of Flouncings!

They're hemmed or scalloped and since they are 40 inches wide, the making of a skirt means a seam up the back and gathers at the waist. The veriest amateur with a needle can make a pretty Summer frock in no time.

Net flouncings, with varying numbers of ruffles, are \$2; with tucks, \$1.50.

Narrower widths that can be used to finish a skirt or to make a vest are more elaborate, having as many as twelve closely placed little ruffles, and are \$4.50 to \$5.75 the yard.

## Organdie and Voile Flouncings

Airy organdies with scalloped hems and embroidered dots start at 55c. Voiles and organdies in white embroidered with color or in colors embroidered in white, are 40 inches wide, at \$1.

Ruffled flouncings of voile or organdie in white, rose, flesh, tan, Copenhagen and sky, are 40 inches wide, at \$2.

Tucked flouncings are \$1.25.

Many other sheer vestings, ruffles and so on, for making collars, cuffs and undersleeves are here in all their freshness, at 50c to \$4 a yard.

## A Sale of Women's Gay Sweaters—\$2.75

which is much less than they would be marked regularly. They are all in coat style and are of light Shetland wool in Nile green, corn, gold, light blue and rose. There is a long belt and the collar and cuffs are of brushed wool.

(Central)