New York's 44th Division Returns on Queen Elizabeth

GI's on Six Other Ships Bring Total Back in Day to Record 31,455—436 More Are Due to Arrive Here Today

orange and blue patch of the Elizabeth and the Forty- fourth Infantry Division.

They came on a day in which a record was set for the number of American troops to move through the port in a single day, 31,455 of them traveling in seven transports in the Army's stepped-up redeployment program. That program is now ahead of schedule, working with the same clocklike precision that organized them and took them to Europe to vanquish Germany.

Since 14,756 of the homecoming soldiers were from the Fortyfourth, and all on the big liner Queen Elizabeth, the city extended itself in welcoming them. Along Brooklyn, Staten Island and the industrial New Jersey shore thousands watched the majestic arrival of the world's largest liner, surrounded by a swarm of midget craft carrying official welcoming parties.

New York's and New Jersey's Even the weather dispenser reown came home yesterday—thou-lented for the first time in a week sands of GIs from the metro- and provided a rainless day and politan area proudly wearing the sunny skies for the parade. The other formed almost a steady procession, beginning early in the morning.

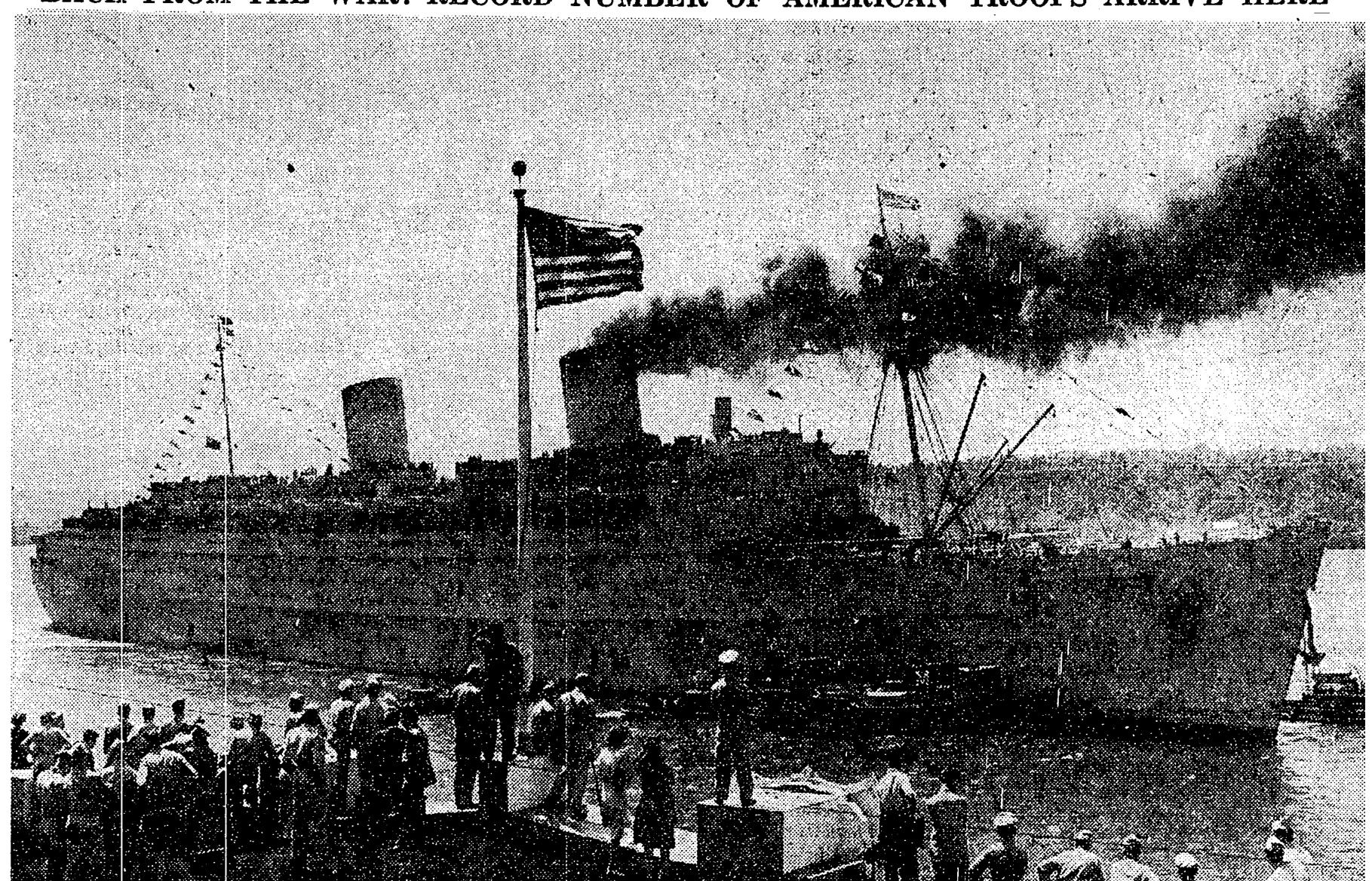
> Other ships were the Monticello, the Lejeune, the Frances Y. Slanger, the Bret Harte, the Nishmaha and the Marine Panther. The Slanger is a hospital ship, the rebuilt Mediterranean liner Saturnia, and the 1,561 men she brought were patients bound for Halloran General Hospital on Staten Island.

> As the 85,000-ton Queen Elizabeth moved slowly into the slip of Pier 90, at the foot of West Fiftieth Street, a new note was added to the traditional welcoming routine by the film actress Marlene Dietrich, who stood at the upper level corner of the pier's "porch" and waved one of her shapely and widely viewed legs at the thousands of GIs packed at the rails. Miss Dietrich is a "daughter" of

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The giant Queen Elizabeth with 14,756 troops of the Forty-fourth Infantry Division as she reached Pier 90 in the Hudson River



Men of the Second Infantry Division who received the Silver Star or higher decorations. They came in on the Monticello at Pier 88. The New York Times

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the Seventy-first Infantry Regiment, one of the elements from the New York-New Jersey area, havfrom the decks.

Across the slip at the next pier below, hundreds of soldiers of the Second Infantry Division stood waiting their turn to land, and the repeat performance. The soldiers seemed to like it. Later Miss Dietrich went across to the Monticello

and boarded it. Among the first to land from the big Queen were groups of Red Cross workers and a United Serv-ly new men. They T ice Organization troupe. H. Kells, an old friend and now naissance York Port of Embarkation.

General Dean said the division Company. had suffered a total of 7,000 battle casualties in killed, wounded and missing. It fought in the lines for bark the entire division, and that 144 consecutive days, and was in the last men would be landed constant contact with the Germans for 203 days. It landed at Cherbourg early in September, 1944, sion had returned together. and went to the Seventh Army, going into the line near Luneville, on formerly the Italian liner Conte Oct. 17. In November it launched Grande, brought 7,037 members of a powerful attack across Alsace- the Second Infantry Division, vet-Lorraine, pushing through the erans of fighting since the day Vosges and liberating dozens of after D-Day in Normandy. Like towns. Elements of the 324th Infantry Regiment reached the

Rhine at Strasbourg, the first Americans to reach the river in this war.

terday how Mannheim had sur-recently took command of the dicity.

Americans had taken the city Battle of the Bulge." waterworks, outside Mannheim. ing been adopted overseas when ter, he used the waterworks tele- fighting in Europe; with one period she performed for them at Siltz-phone to reach the German offi- of seventy-one days without a heim, France. The soldiers set up cials and demanded their surrend-break, and a second—this time in a deafening howl of delight and as er. He said it was his personal Germany-of 217 straight days of the ship moved closer the pier opinion that German skill in the battle. Its casualties were 2,999 was bombarded with coins thrown use of artillery had greatly de-killed, 10,924 wounded and 109 clined, probably owing to their ex-missing. cessive dependence on the tank and the dive bomber.

General Praises His Men

actress, not wanting to slight them, ing qualities of the men from New sion Headquarters Company, Secwent to the side of the pier for a York and New Jersey. While the ond Quartermaster Company, Secployed to the Pacific, General Dean band. said, was high proportion of fair-

Troop, Forty-fourth Shanks. commanding officer of the New QM.M Company, Forty-fourth Sig- Four small transports with about nal Company and Division Hq. 900 troops are due to arrive tomor-

> Pier officials said it would take approximately twelve hours to dearound 4 o'clock this morning. It was the first time an entire divi-

> The Navy transport Monticello,

capturing Landeck near the Italian those on the Queen Mary they were border on May 2. Brig. Gen. W. A. bound for Camp Kilmer, furloughs Beiderlinden of Columbia, Mo., the and the Pacific. Brig. Gen. William division artillery officer, told yes- K. Harrison of Pulaski, Tenn., who rendered after a telephone conver-vision, returned with the men. He sation with German leaders in the paid tribute to their fighting qualities, and said they had been cited General Beiderlinden said the for holding "the hot corner in the

The Second, known as the Indian With the aid of a captain interpre- Head Division, saw 320 days of The division components repre-

sented on the Monticello were the Twenty-third and Thirty-eighth Regiments, the Second Reconnais-General Dean praised the fight-sance Troop (Mechanized), Divioutfit is still identified with this ond Counter-Intelligence Corps, area, many of its men are now re- Seventy-first Order of Battle placements from other areas. One Team, the 188th Photo Interpretreason the division is being de-ing Team, special troops and the Army Port of Embarkation of-

ficials announced last night that Its units are the Seventy-first, the liner Santa Barbara would arwere followed by a selected group the 114th Infantry, the 324th In-rive today with 436 troops, includof officers and men from the divi-fantry, the 156th, 157th, 217th and ing the Ninety-sixth Air Depot sion, headed by its commanding of- 220th Field Artillery Battalions; Squadron and the 385th Signal fcier, Maj. Gen. William F. Dean the Sixty-third Engineer Combat Company, Troop Carrier Wing. It of Salt Lake City, who took com- Battalion, the 119th Medical Bat- is to dock at the Staten Island mand last January. The general talion, the 744th Ordnance LM terminal this morning, and the was greeted by Maj. Gen. Clarence Company, the Forty-fourth Recon-troops will be taken to Camp

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in March, and stormed Mannheim,

The division crossed the Rhine