

OUR SOLDIERS ARRIVE IN FRANCE

**WITHOUT LOSS OR ACCIDENT—
DESTROY A SUBMARINE ON
THEIR VOYAGE.**

Washington, July 3:—Safe arrival at a French port of the American overseas expedition was announced tonight by Secretary Daniels in a statement revealing that twice on the way across the Atlantic German submarines attacked in force and were successfully fought off.

The Americans did not lose a man, a ship or an animal. At least one of the undersea enemies was destroyed.

The work of spies through whom the Germans knew secrets of the expedition is disclosed by the news that the first attack was made far before the transports and U-boats reached the point at rendezvous had been arranged with the American destroyer operating in European waters. Submarine commanders knew where and when to attack the Americans bound for the French coast, and were able to force to meet them. Today, just a week after the transports landed, that the

last vessels put into the French port. They were slower craft carrying supplies and horses.

The good news came to the navy department late this afternoon from Rear Admiral Gleaves, commanding the convoy squadron, and made public at once as an appropriate announcement on the eve of the Fourth of July. Secretary Daniel's statement, which tells of the story, officials deemed wise to publish, follows:

"It is with the joy of great relief that I announce to the people of the United States the safe arrival in France of every fighting man and every fighting ship.

"Now that the last vessel has reached port, it is safe to disclose the dangers that were encountered and to tell the complete story of peril and courage.

"The transports bearing our troops were twice attacked by German submarines on the way across. On both occasions the U-boats were beaten off with every appearance of loss. One was certainly sunk and there is reason to believe that the accurate fire of our gunners sent others to the bottom.

"For purposes of convenience, the expedition was divided into contingents, each contingent including troop ships and a naval escort de-

signed to keep off such German raiders as might be met.

"An ocean rendezvous had also been arranged with American destroyers now operating in European waters in order that the passage of the danger zone might be attended by every possible protection.

"The first attack took place at 10:30 on the night of June 22. What gives it peculiar and disturbing significance is that our ships were set upon at a point well this side of the rendezvous and in that part of the Atlantic presumably free from submarines.

"The attack was made in force, although the night made it impossible to get any exact count of the U-boats gathered for what they deemed a slaughter.

"The high seas convoy, circling with their searchlights, answered with heavy gun fire, and its accuracy stands proved by the fact that the torpedo discharge became increasingly scattered and inaccurate.

"It is not known how many torpedoes were launched, but five were counted as they sped by bow and stern.

"The whole nation will rejoice that so great a peril is passed for the vanguard of the men who will fight our battles in France. No more thrilling Fourth of July celebration could have been arranged than this glad news that lifts the shadow of dread from the heart of America."

Secretary Baker wrote the following letter to Secretary Daniels, conveying the army's thanks to the navy:

"Word has just come to the war department that the last ships conveying Gen Pershing's expeditionary force to France arrived safely today. As you know the navy assumed responsibility for the safety of these ships on the sea and through the danger zone. The ships themselves and their convoys were in the hands of the navy and now, that they have arrived and carried, without the loss of a man, our soldiers who are the first to represent America in the battle for democracy, I beg leave to tender to you, to the admiral and to the navy the hearty thanks of the war department and of the army. This splendid achievement is an auspicious beginning and it has been characterized throughout by the most cordial and effective co-operation between the two military services."

Although it had been known for days that all of the troops were safe the successful battles of their convoys with the submarines, the news of the arrival of the supply and animal ships was received with undisguised relief and joy. Secretary Daniels hastened to Secretary Baker's office with his cablegram and exchanged hearty congratulations.

President Wilson was notified and then the war secretary turned to his stenographer and dictated his letter expressing the army's gratitude to the navy for its splendid service.

No details to add to Secretary Daniels' statement will be made public for the present. Nor will officials discuss further the fact that the Germans had accurate advance knowledge of the Americans coming. Every possible effort is being made to search out the avenue of communication and identify spies who are giving out the information.

Secretary Daniels tonight cabled congratulations to Rear Admiral Gleaves and Admiral Sims, commanding the American fleet in European waters.

Off for the Front.

Paris, July 3:—The American troops now at a French port will begin going to training camps for instructions behind the lines by the end of this week. The first contingent may start after the Fourth of July celebration.

Time To Cool Off

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TO MOBILIZE THE AMERICAN TROOPS

WHO MUST RENDER MILITARY SERVICE AND WHO MAY CLAIM EXEMPTION THEREFROM.

Washington, July 2—Preparation for the mobilization of the first contingent of 625,000 troops of the national army advanced another step today when President Wilson promulgated the regulations to govern exemptions from military service.

Local and appeal exemption boards have already been appointed and the issuance of the regulations will permit them to organize immediately and prepare for the concluding phases of the task of getting the men under training for duty in France.

In the order in which they must come there are three steps in the organization process of the national army as prescribed by Congress.

They are registration, selective and exemption. The first step has been carried through. The regulations issued today cover in detail the operation of the third step, exemption.

Information concerning the second step in the series, however, still is lacking, and officials are guarding closely the method by which selection is to be applied.

The exemption regulations announced that the boards will be advised of the selection process later, although none of the steps prescribed except the organization of the boards can be carried on until the selection machinery has furnished the names of the men of whose fitness and desirability for army service the boards are to judge.

The local boards are directed upon organization to take over from the registration precincts the cards and lists of the men registered on June 5 and as their first duty to provide a serial number for each registration card. This has given support to the belief that the selection is to be by number. Reports were current recently that the selection drawing was to be made in Washington.

Presumably the process of selection will be announced only a short time before it is put into operation. September 1 has been the tentative date set for calling the 625,000 of the first contingent to the colors for training.

Officers of the United States, of the States, Territories and District of Columbia, ministers of religion, students of divinity, persons in the military or naval service of the United States, subjects of Germany, all other aliens who have not taken out first papers; county or municipal officers, custom house clerks, workmen in federal armories, arsenals and navy yards, persons in the federal service designated by the President for exemption, pilots, merchant marine sailors, those with a status with respect to dependents which renders their exclusion desirable, a married man with dependent wife or child, son of a dependent widow, son of a dependent, aged or infirm parent, or brother of dependent orphan child under sixteen years of age; those found morally deficient and any member of any well recognized sect ex-

isting May 18, 1917, whose creed forbids participation in war and whose religious convictions accord with the creed.

CLAIMS FOR EXEMPTIONS.

Claims for exemption because of dependents may be made by the man himself, his wife or other dependents, or by a third party who has personally investigated the case. A claim made by the husband must be accompanied by supporting affidavits signed by the wife and by the head of a family residing in the same territory. A claim by the wife or by a third party must be accompanied by two supporting affidavits signed by heads of families. Similar rules govern claims on the grounds of other dependents, the dependents or third parties being authorized to file claims with supporting affidavits. In each case the board must be satisfied before it grants exemption or discharge that the dependent or dependents actually are supported mainly by the fruits of the man's mental or physical labor.

Local boards are required, subject to appeal, to pass upon claims for exemption or discharge within three days after the filing of affidavits.

District boards must decide appeal cases within five days after the closing of proofs and their decisions are final. If the ruling of a local board is affirmed the person is question stands finally accepted for military service.

In passing on claims for exemptions on the ground of employment in necessary industrial and agricultural occupations the district boards must be convinced that the particular enterprise affording such employment actually is necessary to the maintenance of the military estab-

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