

SIX U. S. TRANSPORTS SAIL FROM FRANCE

12,000 Soldiers Due to Arrive
in January.

SHIP IS IN PORT WITH 2900

General Pershing Cites Additional
Units of 15,000 Men for
Early Convoy Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Departure from France of six additional transports, carrying approximately 12,000 homecoming soldiers, was announced today by the War Department. The first of the ships, the Agamemnon, which sailed December 25, should reach New York January 5, and the last of them, the Eastern Queen, carrying only a few officers, is due at Baltimore January 14.

The transport Finland, which sailed December 29 and is due at Newport News January 10, brings Brigadier-General Martin, of the 37th Division, and the second battalion of the 35th Infantry and the headquarters of the 17th Infantry brigade, of the same division, all en route for Camp Dix, N. J. The transport Madawaska, which sailed December 28 and is due at Newport News January 5, carries these additional units of the 37th Division, also en route for Camp Dix: Casual companies 113, 114, 115, 491, 492 and 493, and the headquarters of the 17th Infantry brigade. The Madawaska also carries 1128 sick and wounded officers and men, while the Finland carries 949 sick and wounded officers and men, and these additional units: Casual companies 116, 117, 118, 120, 495, 496, 497, 410 and 411, and Chemical Warfare Service Casual Company No. 2.

The Agamemnon carries the 313th trench mortar battery, Companies A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, and the 35th Infantry, third battalion headquarters, machine gun company and 329 sick and wounded.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Dec. 31.—The transport Aetolus arrived here today from France with 2900 officers and men, most of whom had been wounded or gassed.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—General Pershing notified the War Department today that additional units, with total strength of approximately 15,000 men, had been assigned for early convoy home. They include the 229th and 35th Infantry of the 4th Division, with more than 50 officers and 2400 men each, and the Fourth Regiment, Air Service, including about 16 aero squadrons.

The 54th Field Artillery, with 106 officers and 2425 men, and the 118th Engineers and Train, 24 officers and 1900 men, also were among the units designated for early return.

Aero squadrons included are the 21st, 20th, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th, 30th, 31st, 32nd, 33rd, 34th, 35th, 36th, 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, 45th, 46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, 51st, 52nd, 53rd, 54th, 55th, 56th, 57th, 58th, 59th, 60th, 61st, 62nd, 63rd, 64th, 65th, 66th, 67th, 68th, 69th, 70th, 71st, 72nd, 73rd, 74th, 75th, 76th, 77th, 78th, 79th, 80th, 81st, 82nd, 83rd, 84th, 85th, 86th, 87th, 88th, 89th, 90th, 91st, 92nd, 93rd, 94th, 95th, 96th, 97th, 98th, 99th, 100th, 101st, 102nd, 103rd, 104th, 105th, 106th, 107th, 108th, 109th, 110th, 111th, 112th, 113th, 114th, 115th, 116th, 117th, 118th, 119th, 120th, 121st, 122nd, 123rd, 124th, 125th, 126th, 127th, 128th, 129th, 130th, 131st, 132nd, 133rd, 134th, 135th, 136th, 137th, 138th, 139th, 140th, 141st, 142nd, 143rd, 144th, 145th, 146th, 147th, 148th, 149th, 150th, 151st, 152nd, 153rd, 154th, 155th, 156th, 157th, 158th, 159th, 160th, 161st, 162nd, 163rd, 164th, 165th, 166th, 167th, 168th, 169th, 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