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ing man, and for 5,000 years his an-

cestors before him have loathed the clash

of steel. Go back as far as you like in

Egyptian history and you will never

find a trace of the Viking spirit in the

inhabitants of the Nile valley. The suc-

cessful wars of the Pharaohs were

waged by mercenaries, and the papyri

show that the military calling was

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ords show little delights in battle, but

the horrible miseries endured by the

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