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~~Signs of Christmas begin to show themselves when the~~
~~troops come back to Britain for leave --- the S.S. Montcalm~~
~~from Malta brought 1,000 soldiers and sailors.~~ Relatives were
waiting on the shore to meet the men whom they had not seen
for years, and they had many little surprises in store. And
while we are on a military subject, let us look again and see
how Britain is grappling with the problem of re-armament.
Following the continental example, British babies are being
taught to carry a rifle. At the moment they have a lot to
learn. Their fighting spirit is obvious from the way they
fight to get into their new uniforms. ~~That comes the stirring~~
~~call to battle.~~ Once again they show their fighting spirit as
they fall in. ~~Stand at attention!~~ A fine body of men, with a
deep depression over little Alfie! All present, and more or
less correct, *look out, sir - they're behind you!* ~~sir!~~ So to the beat of the drum the parade moves
off. Little feet are marching, marching, marching, for the ~~spirit~~
spirit is willing, even if the boots don't fit! And while the
martial tramp goes on the General staff works out a plan of
campaign --- deciding to fling little Alfie against the
Loamshires ~~Britain~~ awake! Nurseries shall be turned into
munition factories --- playgrounds shall become parade grounds ---
the very golf courses shall become a barrack square!