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BACK FROM BURMA

The liner Strathmore slides into harbor at Southampton, a boatload of men with but a single thought - home. Men wearing the crossed keys shoulder flash line the deck rails; the second Division is back after three and a half years service in India and Burma. Many famous regiments are represented, the Royal Scots, Worcesters, Dorsets, Manchesters, Norfolks, the Durhams and the Camerons. They come back to bands, flags and speeches, and after three years of steaming jungle even an English November day looks pretty good.

They weren't allowed to disembark until early the next morning. Those lucky enough to commandeer the Strathmore's portholes managed to call out a message or two to the folks waiting on the wharf. A few hours later, the Winchester Castle brought more Crossed Keys men, lifting the day's total at Southampton to 6,000. With Christmas just around the corner dance groups getting nearer every week and a basin full of leave to look forward to - they portray the true happiness of homecoming.