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SAAR TROOPS HOME

FIRST CONTINGENT ARRIVES.

Picture:- The "Maid of Orleans" arrives--
--at Dover with troops from the--
--Saar. Those who are feeling well--
--cheer. Those who don't, (and after a rough--
--journey, there are quite a few) just--
--feel ill in silence.

The 1st Battalion--
--Essex Regiment are undoubtedly--
--glad to be--
--back in England. The job--
--they have just left behind was--
--not an enviable--
--one, but it was,--
--I suppose, a necessary one. Their first--
--halt is Grandshaft Barracks,--
--where they will--
--spend the night. To-morrow morning they leave by--
--special train for London en route for their familiar
quarters at Catterick.

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Picture:- A snip of the film seissors brings--
--to-morrow. Victoria Station! Major Rowe--
--is commanding. The Battalion Lieutenant-Colonel
A.E. Maitland collapsed--
--on reaching Dover and was conveyed to--
--Shorncliffe Hospital for--
--attention. Now, where are we ?

Oh yes ! Large crowds have welcomed the--
--men back, and the column of nearly five-hundred soldiers,
complete with steel helmets reaches Wellington Barracks--
--in easy time for --
--parade before being dismissed for--
--lunch. Groups of relatives and--
--friends invade the barrack square by--
--kind permission of etc., etc., and conversations--
--are peppered with spots of French--
--"toute-de-suite", "naa-poo",--
--and "bon", alternating with--
--"bob's your uncle" and--
--such like. Then another little walk to King's Cross
via--
--Trafalgar Square, where, by the way, the band struck up--
--"Let's all go down the Strand", and they all--
--did. The general impression I got--
--at King's Cross was that--
--the men had had quite enough for--
--one day, thank you.

(EFFECTS TO END).