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The 77th Division is still making records. Its latest is shared with the Aquitania, which brought the first contingents of the division home yesterday from Brest, in 5 days 17 hours and 58 minutes, the fastest trip from Brest to New York made by a transport. With the 77th came Maj. Gen. Sir Henry Thornton, former general manager of the Long Island Railroad, who was knighted for his management of the British army railroads in France. Gen. Thornton returned to the United States to pay a visit to his mother.

Capt. Frank B. Tiebout, Intelligence officer and historian of the 305th Inf., whose home is at 880 St. Mark's ave., had some interesting records of the regiment. The regimental casualties were 2,600, which included 25 officers and 450 men killed in action. The regiment had 2,100 replacements. The regiment first saw service with the British in Flanders but in August, 1918, was assigned to the French sector near Toul, Chateau-Thierry, the Aisne, the Vesle, the Argonne and the Meuse are other places where the regiment made history.

"On the night of November 2 we went through the enemy's position and drove them back from 10 to 15 kilometers each day until November 6, when the regiment sustained heavy casualties on the Meuse," Capt. Tiebout said. "After that we had a five-day rest and then came the armistice."

Pvt. George W. Leonard, Co. L, 305th Inf., whose home is at 195 Nassau st., declared that a soldier's life was anything but "walking around between meals shooting Germans."

"The Jerries never thought we wanted any sleep," he said. "They moved back so fast that our boys had to keep hiking day and night to catch up to them. For four days and nights we only had bread and water to keep up our strength, because the kitchens could not keep up with us. Directly they caught up with us, the order would come to do another hike and leave the grub behind us. Then the bunch would fall into line, walking through the forest like the Chinese go on Mott st. I got so darned tired of the walking without sleep I almost hoped something might hit me, so that I would get sent back to a hospital to get some sleep for a day."

STORY OF THE 305TH

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 Captain Tiebout's Fine History
 and Pictures.

The 305th Infantry can be proud of "A History of the 305th Infantry." It is a volume of interest to any reader, who may lay his hands on it. Strangely, in view of the many extremely intimate records of outfits that have been published, this book is not one of interest only to those boys whose names have been included.

Capt. Frank B. Tiebout wrote, or rather compiled it, and the publishers are the 305th Infantry Auxiliary. Capt. Tiebout was regimental historian and he was a thorough one. When orders came to begin a history of the regiment, he sent out his details for photographs. He sent them back to the scenes of the 305th's engagements and he gathered in a thousand or more good photographs.

He sent out word to his regiment for the men to write anecdotes and incidents that were of interest to their particular companies or squads. The regiment responded and then he had the opportunity of choosing stories of interest from among thousands contributed.

The history is printed on rich, heavy paper and is a mine of good soldier stories and pictures. The pictures are clear, the stories well told. A 305th man could get no more pleasure out of reading this book than anybody else. It is a soldiers' book, not a regiment's book. Capt. Tiebout is entitled to a low bow and the 305th Infantry, to congratulations on having him compile the history.