

Still another Lindsay man, Pte. Don Phillips, a veteran campaigner since landing in France on D-Day, has arrived home from the fighting front on 30-day furlough before being given his final medical for Pacific combat duty.

Pte. Phillips made the crossing aboard the great luxury liner, Queen Mary, which docked at New York on July 12, after an uneventful crossing from Britain. While it was described by Pte. Phillips as uneventful it was not without its 'moments'. According to Don, when the giant liner had reached the half-way mark in the voyage it was learned that she was running a full eight hours ahead of her schedule. This was bad because the ship's masters had been advised in advance that a big celebration was being planned for the boys when they docked at New York and to have them come in eight hours too early would certainly upset the applecart. This meant just one thing--a little time had to be killed so they slowed down accordingly and arrived in the harbor exactly on schedule.

Just before the majestic vessel

nosed her way into harbor waters, a U.S. Army Zeppelin zoomed overhead and drifted down to what seemed like just a few feet above the boat while a band she carried entertained the boys during their last few minutes aboard ship. This really a treat, Pte. Phillips told The Post and was the added touch which made for the end of a perfect voyage. The entire crossing took only four days.

This young serviceman has seen plenty of action and with exception of a brief period in hospital where he was treated for wounds to his right forearm and left leg, he was in the thick of it all the way through the Allied drive in Europe.

Two places that stand out in Pte. Phillips' memory as being particularly tough are Falaise Gap and Hell's Corners. "They were plenty tough," he remarked.

Recalling some of the big battles he was in and particularly the invasion held The Post that it would be difficult to describe one's feelings and thoughts just before the zero hour. The main thing was you wanted to get in there and get it over with as fast as you could, he said.

Two other brothers, Bill and Fred Phillips, have played their full part in the present war and they are now both in Canada.

# Pte. Don Phillips Tells Of Queen Mary Crossing