New York Gives Rousing Welcome as Soldiers Get Home From War in Europe

NEW YORK (Aug. 31)—The huge liner Queen Elizabeth, her decks packed solidly with nearly 15,000 singing, yelling GI's home from the war, docked today in New York harbor—the fourth time since V-E Day.

The whole harbor let loose a welcome for the majestic British vessel, the 46th to arrive with a total of more than 1,000,000 veterans from the European and Pacific theatres.

Cab Calloway and Sammy Kaye and their bands greeted the men, Nancy Norman, Kaye's vocalist, sang "I Wanna Get Married" and the troops went wild.

Perched on rails and deck ladders and poking their heads from port-holes, they threw hats, shirts, equipment, souvenirs and paper in their exuberance.

The ship's public address system, ordering them to debarking stations, finally quieted the din, and the slow process of landing began.

UNRRA Director Herbert H. Lehman, former New York state governor; Col. James Stewart, former film star, and Dr. Stephen Wise, president of the World Jewish Congress, were aboard.

Brig. Gen. William N. Gross of Riverside, Calif., commander of the First Combat Bomb Wing of the Army Air Force, was with units of the Air Force.