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Goddess of Liberty, 1 pm, NYC Harbor

Sighting the Statue of Liberty, the "Goddess of Liberty" as Hughes referred to it, was an important time in the life of the soldiers of the 13th F.A., 4th Division who were returning from World War I in Europe. Hughes reported that it was 1 p.m., July 31, 1919, when they saw the statue. James C. Hughes, as part of the 35th Division, left Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and traveled to Hoboken, New Jersey, where he boarded the troop ship "Ceramic" on May 18, 1918. Hughes arrived in Liverpool, England, on June 1, 1918 and then landed at Le Havre, France, on June 9, 1918. Hughes fought in the battles of St. Michael and the Meuse-Argonne. He was at Verdun on Armistice Day, November 11, 1918. He took no photos of the actual fighting. He did take many photographs after the war as part of the Army of Occupation until he left France on July 18, 1919. A full biography of James Clark Hughes is available at the link below to Kansapedia.

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