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WHOLE NO.

FOURTEEN PICKED COUNTY MEN NOW AT CAMP GRANT

Left Wheaton Wednesday Morning as Van Guard of National Army Men.

Fourteen picked men from DuPage County left Wheaton Wednesday morning for Camp Grant, Rockford, as the van guard of this county's men for the National Army. The fourteen number five per cent of the quota to be furnished by DuPage and by this morning will have received the first rudiments of drill in the big drive to make the "world's best army."

One Downers Grove man, Robert Dickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Dickson, of Highland avenue, was numbered in this honor squad. They were met at Camp Grant by officers and shown their barracks and in hardly any time had shaken themselves down to the camp routine.

Clifford A. Ashley, of Naperville, was in the first detail. He has been city engineer and was in charge of the large West Side paving which will be commenced there soon. The city tried to have him exempted until the work was finished but were unsuccessful.

The honor men who left Wednesday morning were: Clifford A. Ashley, Naperville; Winfred G. Knoch, Naperville; Julian J. Drendel, Naperville; Pierce Vandercook, Lombard; Wayne T. Dawson, Hinsdale; Robert E. Dickson, Downers Grove; Albert R. Morgan, Naperville; William A. Brown, Wheaton; Carlton L. Fischer, Wheaton; Joseph L. Ballau, Wheaton; William E. Johnson, Glen Ellyn; Clarence A. Matthews, West Chicago; Hugh P. Murphy, Naperville; Frank Spencer Cowles, Naperville.

CAMP FIRE GIRLS GAVE PLAY

The Camp Fire Girls staged a Red Cross playlet in honor of the return of their original Guardian, Miss Lucy Smith, Friday afternoon, on the lawn of Mrs. William Parrish who has been acting as Guardian during the summer months.

ROBERT CARPENTER WRITES INTERESTING LETTER FROM LONDON

Tells of Standing Within Ten Feet of King George as Troops are Reviewed

The following letter written by Bob Carpenter the day after his arrival in England, has just been received by his mother, Mrs. C. V. Carpenter. Arrived safely but could not very well let you know. This letter will have to be very brief and not very explanatory as we cannot put down our location.

It's awfully hard to get tobacco over here, no U. S. tobacco at all, and would sure like to have Brian send me some Tuxedo and a corn cob pipe; the same address that I gave you before, 17th Eng. Co. C, U. S. Exp. Forces in France, care of Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

Had a very interesting trip yesterday; left camp about 8 a. m. went to London and paraded thru the city covering thirteen miles so you can see it was some hike. Passed Westminster Abbey, the American Embassy, Ambassador Page and his attendants, then on to Buckingham Palace and were reviewed by the King and Queen. I was within ten feet of them. We had a good lunch in a beautiful park adjacent to the Palace and after a rest of about one hour marched to the permanent English Barracks and fell out, where we talked for an hour or so with the English troops. The enclosed sheet from the London paper will show you how big the American troops get away in England. I never saw more people or heard more cheering in my life and believe me will never forget it. By the way, we have the distinction of being the first American troops to parade in London in the history of England and the first foreign troops to parade for 300 years; and the people surely shoved it.

Saw Bob Fry this morning as our train was leaving and didn't have time to even say hello to him but will see him later on, probably today sometime. Alfred and I are still together, in different companies however, so don't know how much longer we will get to see each other.

I am awfully sorry I can't relate some of our experiences as we sure have gone thru some and probably have even more ahead of us, but as there is about a year or two in prison connected with it I don't think it would be wise.

Don't you worry about my health and conduct as they are both in fine shape and I figure on keeping them in the same condition. Outside of an awful appetite continually an really feeling fine.

I have not received any copies of the Reporter yet which you said they would send to me and a little reading matter from the home town would go pretty good. Received the two last letters you wrote on the ocean.

Tell me where the Battery C bunch is and tell Jack to write me a letter. Have not felt homesick yet and would not have missed this for anything altho have gone thru some pretty tough knocks. Say hello to the kids. Will write again when I get a chance to mail a letter. BOB.

A cablegram stated the unit to be in Bordeaux, France. We also understand that boxes containing good things as well as "Tuxedo" also reading matter including the "Reporter" have been sent almost daily by the families of the two boys and they doubtless found them on their arrival at Bordeaux long ere this.

ARTILLERY BOYS PHOTOS FOR SALE

Knowing that the relatives and many friends of the local boys in the 149th Field Artillery will want a copy of the group photograph reproduced in this issue we have arranged to take orders for them.

Besides the photograph shown we have two other views of the same group and will take orders for mounted photographs of either one for \$1.00 a piece or the three for \$2.75.



LOCAL MEMBERS OF 149th U. S. F. A. AT MINEOLA. Long Island Top Row, left to right, Alex Burns, George Nargney, Fred Edwards, Stewart Burns, Sam Bertolin, Harry Grant, Fred Sacksteder, and Dwight Cox Bottom Row, left to right, Max Butler, Gilbert Lacey, Chester Hall, Myron Towsley and Grant Nash.

TWELVE LOCAL ARTILLERY BOYS AT MINEOLA, L. I.

With their Regiment, the 149th, Join "Rainbow" Division to Help France.

Twelve local artillery boys are now in Camp Mills, Mineola, Long Island, with their regiment, the 149th U. S. F. A., formerly the 1st Illinois.

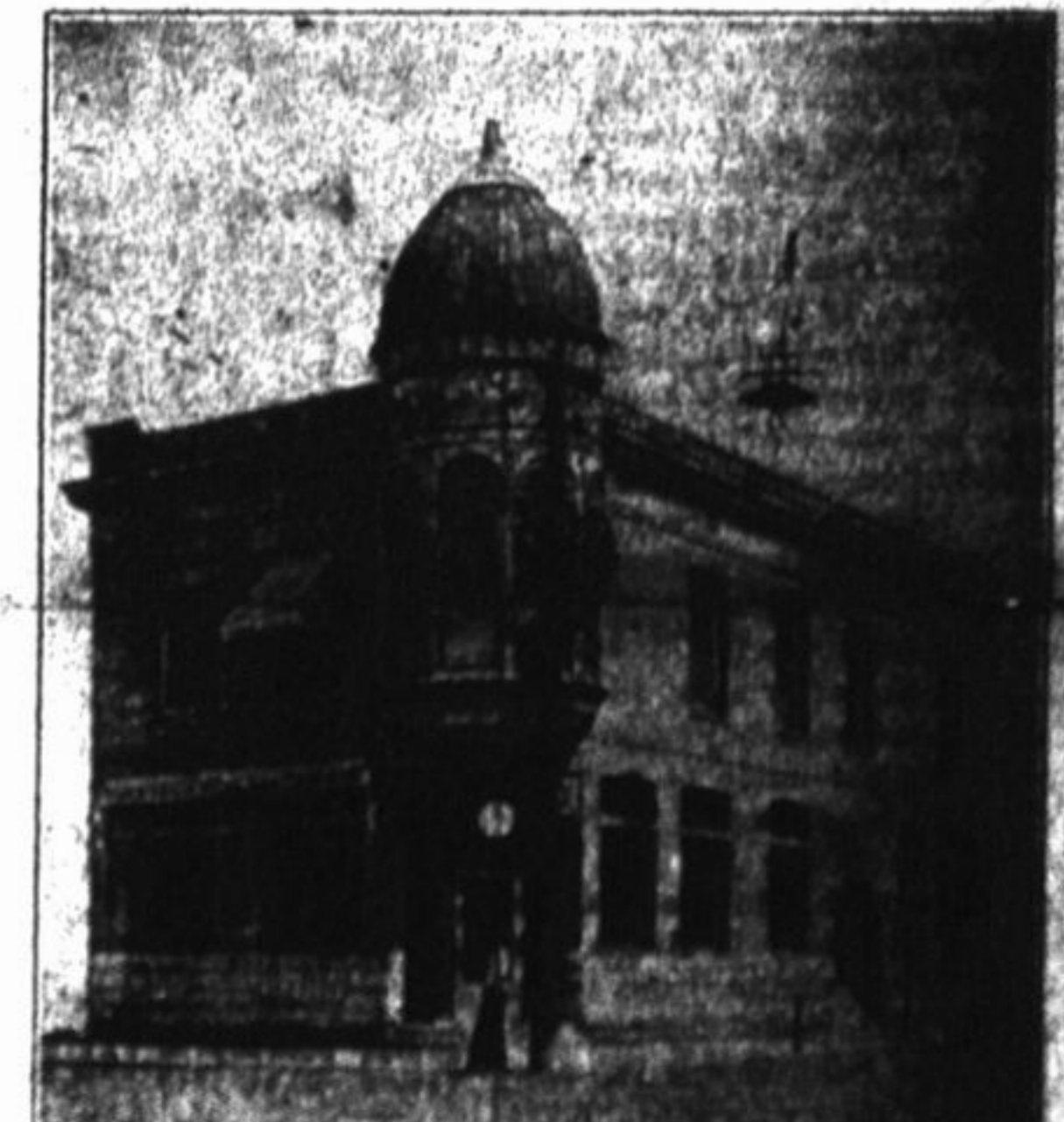
The boys who have been training at Ft. Sheridan, are: Stewart and Alex Burns, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Burns, of Prince avenue; George Nargney, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Nargney, of East Maple avenue; Myron Towsley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Towsley, of South Washington street; Fred Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Edwards, of North Forest; Dwight Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cox, of West Curtiss street; Grant Nash, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Nash, of South Main street; Harry Grant, Gilbert Lacey, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Lacey, of Highland avenue; Sam Bertolin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bertolin, of South Main street, Chester Hall and Frederick Sacksteder.

For the past two weeks the regiment has been on its toes with the expectation of getting orders from Washington to entrain. Relatives of the men have been making daily trips to the Fort to bid their loved ones goodbye. Last week Wednesday a detail of forty men left with the regiment's horses.

Sunday the officers of the regiment received the long expected orders and having everything in readiness the 1300 men were on board soon after reveille Monday morning waiting word to go. A great crowd of relatives and friends and men from the second officers reserve camp were present to speed the men away on the first leg of their journey to France to fight for stricken humanity.

Pullman sleepers were provided by the government for the regiment with real porters to make up the berths, so that the soldiers had the novelty of sleeping in beds not made up by themselves for a few nights.

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