

INTERESTING LETTER FROM FORT NIAGARA. Intensity of Training is Shown from Fact That Officers-to-be Are Required to Complete in Three Months, Work on Which Four Years is Spent at West Point.

Officers' Reserve Training Corps. 2nd Company Infantry. Fort Niagara, N. Y. June 2, 1917.

Dearest Mother:— After three weeks of intensive training I can report to you that I am feeling well and happy and I would like to see you now and you would be surprised for I am tanned as can be seen last night I tipped the scales at 170 pounds. With the substantial army mess and the "eat" that my friends back home have sent me I am eating very well and have no complaints coming.

This proved to be a very strenuous week and aside from the half holiday on Monday morning at five o'clock till noon today, I know very well that every fellow in Company 2 was very glad for a half day rest on Wednesday and also when all drill was called off at noon today.

While I am sitting on the edge of my bunk and writing to you possibly half of the boys are resting here in the quarters, for we were had a strenuous working out. We were up at 5:45 o'clock and ready for Reville at 5:45. In the meantime we had time to dress, make up our coats and police the quarters. At eight o'clock we started out for a hike with full packs and also our guns. This was something new for us, for up to this time we only marched with guns and side arms and I confess that I have enjoyed the practice marches immensely.

As I said before we were all looking forward to this trip for according to the reports of those who had been at the border we could then judge ourselves as to whether we had any staying qualities or not. We started to pack up at 6:30 and I dare say no easy task to arrange everything in full marching order. The packs and heavy recreation things are part of our outfit. We had a full thirty-inch step and about 120 to the minute. After marching about 3 1/2 miles we were given a ten-minute rest and it was immediately from where we fell out of line. This refreshed us very much and even though it was more laborious than it would seem yet we were not back to the quarters feeling none the worse for the ordeal. In reality these practice marches are part of our recreation periods, for indeed everyone seems anxious when the time comes for them. We march along with our guns thrown over our shoulders, sometimes at quick time and again at double time which means running and it sure is inspiring to hear the whole company singing the army song.

When we came back we had inspection of arms and also of quarters. This means that we must stand at attention for an hour and this time everything has to be in apple-pie order. Our guns are inspected and every particle of dirt must be removed. Our personal appearance must be of the first order and especially do we have to keep our shoes shined. This is a big part in our discipline for we may have them clean and during the next drill we may encounter a mud hole, and according to military rule there is no getting around it. That occurs a dozen times a day, so you see, mother, why I am always writing for shoe polish. At present I am out so the order will stand good for this week. Thanks for being so prompt with the other things I needed.

I cannot begin to tell you all that happens here every day for we are busy from 5 a. m. till 9:45 p. m. You might get a better idea of how busy we are when I tell you that they are trying to give us in three months what they cover at West Point in four years, with the exception of higher mathematics. In a few words let me say that it requires constant application to our work from morning till night and you may be sure every one is here with the desire in his breast to get out of it all that he possibly can, for we realize that as we stand and witness the solemn ceremonies here every day just what the great call to democracy is and what it was that brought us here.

I believe there was some talk before I left home, that the young men were enlisting here for the financial gain they would get out of it, but let me tell you that is a Tommy rot, for very seldom do you ever hear any one mention the fact here in camp. After we arrived in camp it took a very short time to realize the service that we are called upon to perform and I feel sure that every one here was "a conscript of conscience" rather than a "conscript of draft."

In closing let me picture to you the best I had at home today. One of the men who bunked along side of me was remembered by his friends at home by receiving a box of eat, on his birthday. Five of us who became very chummy were invited to partake of the contents with him and instead

3175 REGISTERED IN CENTRE COUNTY

Big List of County's Young Men Exceeded Expectations.—Complete Register.

Below we give the name of every male resident in Centre county, between the ages of 21 and 31 who answered his country's call and registered on June 5th, Bellefonte Borough.

- North Ward. Barlett, David A. ... Bowers, John V. ...

- Second Ward. Adleman, Leon ... Adelman, Abr B. ...

- Third Ward. Agan, John B. ... Almond, James ...

- Fourth Ward. Barracough, Art. ... Baudinger, Robert ...

- Fifth Ward. Bally, Edward E. ... Bannor, Thomas F. ...

- Sixth Ward. Allen, Thomas R. ... Baird, Raymond A. ...

- Seventh Ward. Allen, Thomas R. ... Baird, Raymond A. ...

- Eighth Ward. Dyke, Fred G. ... Schindler, John H. ...

- Ninth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Tenth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Eleventh Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Twelfth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Thirteenth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Fourteenth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Fifteenth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Sixteenth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Seventeenth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Eighteenth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Nineteenth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Twentieth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Twenty-first Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Twenty-second Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Twenty-third Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Twenty-fourth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Twenty-fifth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Twenty-sixth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Twenty-seventh Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Twenty-eighth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Twenty-ninth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Thirtieth Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

- Thirty-first Ward. Adams, Jas. ... Adams, Jas. ...

Various small notices and advertisements including 'Deaths', 'Marriage Licenses', and 'Local News'.