CITY IS PROUD OF ITS FIGHTING MEN

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about seventy-five Harrisburgers to fill up the ranks to war strength and company, combined with one the old Sixteenth National from the old Sixteenth National fluaro Regiment, forms Company C. The One Hundred and Twelfth. I also had charge for a short time of the men in Company K, a Bedford unit. These troops, too, were fine soldiers, typical of the kind Pennsylvania has furnished by thousands. "I am sure that every man in the One Hundred and Twelfth is well trained and an excellent soldier, and it was a great pleasure and no surprise to me to read that they were successfully engaged in driving back the Huns. They will certainly be capable of any task assigned them and no officer will find a more willing organization to 'carry on' in any drive."

A brief history of the battling

ing organization to carry on in any drive."

A brief history of the battling units, of which every heart in Harrisburg is proud, follows:

Originated in Civil War
Companies D and I of the Eighth Regiment of the old Pennsylvania National Guard, whose members are now right up on the firing line, taking part in the big pattle being waged on the fields of France, have had a long and noble career. The two companies are outgrowths of the First City Zouaves and City Grays, the germ of which was laid in the spring of 1861 with the formation of the Harrisburg Rifles. The membership of the two companies was made up almost entirely of Harrisburg boys.

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After a series of metamorphoses, the Harrisburg Rifles became the Eighth Regiment of the Pennsylvania National Guard and only ceased to exist as such when it was mustered into the United States service shortly after the declaration of war against Germany.

Company I came into existence as such when the Pennsylvania National Guard was reorganized at the close of the Spanish-American War, being formed from Company H of

g formed from Company H of Eleventh Regiment. This lat-unit had been formed for home rotection when Company D had een mustered into the United tates service at the commencement

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the First City Zouaves. In 1862-63, during the Civil War, it served as Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-seventh Regiment. In 1863-72 it again took up the name City Zouaves. It passed into the City Grays, being known as such until 1884, when it was enrolled as a unit in the Pennsylvania National Guard, making up Company D of the Eighth Regiment. For fourteen years it existed without a change of name, but when the Spanish-American Warbroke out and the unit was mustered into the service, it was known as company D, Eighth Regiment. United States Volunteers. It resumed its place in the Pennsylvania Mational Guard after peace had been declared and only ceased to exist as such when it was reorganized as part of Company D, One Hundred and Twelfth Infantry.

The Harrisburg Rifles was organized in the State Library of the old State Capitol, in pursuance to a call for recruits, published in Harrisburg papers on April 15, 1861, shortly after hostilities broke out between the North and the South. The organization was completed on May 24, when DeBenneville Randolph Keim was elected captain. Calvin DeWitt and Gordon S. Berry were made first and second lieutenants.

An incident of historic interest is found in the fact that members of this band of volunteers for service to help preserve the Union signed The name Harrisburg Rifles stuck to the organization only a short time. Shortly after the organization had been completed the proposition was made to change the name of the organization as the First City Zouaves of Harrisburg. This was done and the organization first known as such on June 10, 1861. The uniform of the Elishth

aves of Harrisburg. This was done and the organization first known as such on June 10, 1861. The uniform of the Ellsworth Zouaves, of Chicago, who had visited Harrisburg several days previous, was adopted. The Zouaves drilled in the corridors of the Capitol quite frequently. In good weather they went through their formation and drill work on the pavement in front of the Capitol and during the sessions of the Legislature many members and attaches of the different departments drilled with the organization.

The Zouaves soon became quite proficient in their work and in 1862,

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Where Harrisburgers Are Fighting



oe, Middletown, Pa., after which as ordered to go to Augusta, Ga. in peace was finally declared the pany was mustered out of the ice on March 7, 1899, at Camp kenzie, Ga. A big reception was ered to the men on their ret

vania National Guardsmen was mustered into the United States service in May, 1898, it became necessary to have another body of citizen soldiery. So early in May of that year preparations were made for the formation of a new National Guard. Provisions were made for the organization of six regiments of twelve companies each. The numbers given the new bodies did not conflict with those that had been held by the old regiments. Many former members of the old Pennsylvania National Guard enrolled in the new Guard.

To the Eleventh Regiment
Harrisburg's unit in the new organization was Company H, attached to the Eleventh Regiment. Members of Company D who for some teason had not gone into the United States service and those who were sent home were given the preference in the formation of the new unit. Plis unit was mustered into the National Guard on July 22, 1898. Maurce E. Finney was elected captain of he new company, with Nicholas Fack and Harry C. Houtz as first ind second lieutenants. Company I lever took part in any event until he reception on September 7, 1898, o Company I, Fourth Pennsylvania volunteer Infantry, a Harrisburg ompany, on its return from Porto details.

company, on its return from Porto Rico.
When the reorganization of the National Guard took place after the return of the various commands from the United States volunteer service in 1899. Company H, Eleventh Regiment, was transferred to the Eighth Regiment as Company I, As such it replaced Company I, Eighth Regiment, of Wrightsville, which failed to reorganize after the muster out. The transfer took place on June 21, 1899, under orders dated April 21, 1899.

The two companies, D and I, have continued to exist in Harrisburg ever since, taking part in all big occasions and in every disturbance of any consequence. Scores of leading citizens of the city have been included on their rosters. They have conducted their drills in the City Grays' Armory, Second and Forster streets, ever since.

Eoth companies have been numbered among the most proficient units of the Pennsylvania National Guard. They were mustered into the United States service during the summer of 1916 during the fraces

with Mexico. They served along the Mexican Border for a period and the organization was mustered into be mustered out of the service.

They resumed their local organization the bear of the period of

cision could be made, it was decided to organize the troop in Harrisburg.

At the time the troop was organized the tree were two troops of cavalry in the Pennsylvania National Guard. One was the First City Troop, of Philadelphia, attached to the First Brigade, and the other was the Sheridan Troop, of Tyrone, attached to the Second Brigade. The Third Brigade had no troop, and to fill this position it was that Scranton and Wilkes-Barre were contending. When no final decision could be reached and after Harrisburg had had some citizens interest themselves in the movement for the organization of a troop here, it was finally decided to admit the new troop from Harrisburg.

Since then the troop has been known as the Governor's Troop and had grown to be the crack cavalry organization of the Pennsylvania National Guard when it was mustered into the United States service. The organization meeting took place on July 21, 1898, with Charles P. Meck, captain; S. Frank Westen, first lieutenant, and Joseph J. Weaver, second lieutenant, and Joseph J. Weaver, seco

Officers Elected
On the organization evening, fiftyseven applicants were examined and
passed. Harman A. Perkins was
elected captain of the new troop
with H. A. Walkemeyer as first lieulenant and Frederick M. Ott as sec-



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