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Men Who Received Commissions Getting Illinois Colored Infantry in Trim for War

What three former members of the 25th Infantry—Battalion Sgts. Maj. William Andrews and George Murphy and Sgt. William Crawford, Co. H, are doing for Uncle Sam in the 8th Illinois Infantry is told in an article in the Chicago Herald of August 19.

The 8th Infantry is Illinois' only negro regiment, and according to the Herald, every member from colonel to rookie is anxious for the call to "Can the Kaiser."

As commissioned officers the three former Schofield Barracks men, who were well known in Hawaii, are as follows: Capt. William B. Crawford, Co. L, 8th Infantry; 1st Lieut. William Andrews, Co. L, 8th Infantry; 1st Lieut. George Murphy, Co. H, 8th Infantry.

"These three," remarks the Herald, "who have just joined the regiment, are regular army men who had been assigned to duty as instructors at the officers' training camp at Des Moines, Iowa, but who were relieved to accept commissions in the 8th Illinois."

Capt. Crawford's company is now stationed at Danville, Lieut. Andrews' at Peoria and Lieut. Murphy's at Chicago. Capt. Crawford's picture is shown in the newspaper story in conversation with Col. Franklin A. Denison, commander of the regiment.

The history of the regiment's growth is interesting. Starting with an organization of 700 men to which it was reduced on returning from the border, it has now an enrollment of 2400 men.

Most of the recruiting has been done recently, and the strength of the regiment has gone up by leaps and bounds because the colored men believe there is a real chance to get to Europe and do some fighting.

The regiment is composed of the highest class of men available. Many of its members are college and university graduates, representing Illinois, Northwestern, Michigan, Wisconsin, Tuskegee, Beloit, Wabash, Harvard, Brown, Yale, Lincoln, Virginia, Fiske and Texas.

The regiment was formed more than 20 years ago and was taken into the service as a national guard unit under Gov. John P. Altgeld. In 1898 the regiment was sent to Cuba, where it stayed for nine months as United States volunteers. It returned to Chicago the following year, and was mustered out of federal service.

In the famous Texas "hike" last summer only four men of the regiment dropped out in the strenuous 200 miles, a marked tribute to its efficiency.

Capt. Crawford writes that the remaining members of the 25th Infantry who left here several weeks ago for training camp duty as provisional lieutenants are doing well at the Des Moines training grounds. The camp is composed of 1250 students—250 soldiers and 1000 civilians.

Col. (now brigadier) Carl S. Reichmann, former commander of the 25th, signed the application of the three men for commissions. At that time he was adjutant-general, central division, Chicago.



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Pvt. Charlie Wingard, Headquarters Company, 9th Field Artillery, to accompany mount of Maj. John W. B. Cory, 14th Field Artillery.

First Lieut. Clive P. Mueller, medical reserve corps, Schofield Barracks, H. T., will proceed to this city reporting upon arrival to the commanding officer, Department Hospital, for temporary duty.

Pvt. Robert L. Seward, Company D, 1st Infantry, is transferred to Company D, 3rd Engineers.

Sergt. Clark R. Williams, Troop B, 4th Cavalry, is attached to the School for Bakers and Cooks, as instructor in cooking for a period of one month.

Pvt. Thomas A. Rosati, Headquarters Company, 1st Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, H. T., is transferred to Battery D, 9th Field Artillery.

A board of officers to consist of Capt. Henry C. Muhlenberg, 2nd Infantry; Capt. Eugene A. Lohman, signal corps, and First Lieut. William A. Jackson, Infantry Officers' Reserve Corps, is appointed to meet at Fort Shafter, H. T., as soon as practicable to examine horses to determine their fitness for service or for sale to officers, and, if found serviceable, to appraise the value in each case.

Col. Alfred M. Hunter and Maj.

Joseph B. Douglas, Coast Artillery Corps, and Capt. Nelson H. Duval, Engineer Officers' Reserve Corps, will proceed on August 30, 1917, to Haleiwa, Oahu, H. T., for the purpose of inspecting a site for a battery.

Sergt. Edward Jones, Battery D, 1st Field Artillery, as private to Battery D, 9th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, H. T.

Hugler Abraham Moskowitz, Battery A, 1st Field Artillery, as private to Battery D, 9th Field Artillery, Schofield Barracks, H. T.

Maj. Frederick Hadra, from Schofield Barracks to Fort Shafter, H. T., for duty as post surgeon, relieving Capt. James C. Ballard, who, upon being thus relieved, will proceed to Fort Rucker, H. T., for duty as post surgeon, relieving Maj. Edward W. Bayley, who upon being thus relieved, will proceed to Fort Kamehameha, H. T., for duty as post surgeon and surgeon of the coast defenses of Oahu, relieving Capt. George E. Tooley, who upon being thus relieved will proceed to Fort de Russy, H. T., for duty as post surgeon.

First Lieut. William E. Kramer, Schofield Barracks, to Fort Shafter, H. T., for duty.

SUIT AIMS TO DECIDE QUESTION OF FERN'S POWER

That the injunction suit brought by J. L. Frank McFarland to stop the top of A. K. Vierra park and playground superintendent, hinges solely on the question of whether the mayor shall have the power to appoint a few school janitors and park caretakers, is the opinion expressed today in Republican political circles, where the litigation, commonly has ceased to figure at all.

A new suit was thrown on the subject when the lay firm of Lightfoot & Lightfoot, representing Mr. McFarland, announced that the object of the suit was not merely to keep up the pay of municipal officers as it is to solve the problem of whether the mayor has the right to appoint the heads of city departments and whether the Republican friends now in office have the right to hold over.

Superintendent Vierra displayed no signs of worry today. He drew his pay as usual to the auditor's office as usual. In the ranks of the G. O. P. supervisors, the suit is branded as a purely political move, just as the position hands the creation of the park and playground superintendent as a "political trick."

"When park matters were assigned to me," says Supervisor Ben Hollinger, "I endeavored to place the work under the direction of a superintendent. Prior to this the mayor had appointed all employees in that department, and consequently we were unable to get efficient men to do the work. This was because they all held their jobs by the old law, and they were to take their orders only from the mayor."

"I introduced an ordinance creating the superintendent and the board passed it. Ex-Mayor John C. Lane vetoed it, raising the point that the superintendent was to report to the chairman of the parks committee, and that there were errors in punctuation in the ordinance."

"So I let the matter drop, but before Mayor Lane went out of office I asked him to sign the ordinance if I would present it again. He replied that he would, and it was introduced, passed and signed."

"As far as Vierra is concerned, he has done excellent work and I will do my best to retain him as he is efficient and capable. Personally, I feel that this injunction suit is only a matter of giving the mayor the power to appoint a few school janitors and park caretakers."

Supervisor Hollinger points out that the main reason for introducing ordinance 121 was to get efficiency in the management and care of the city's parks and playgrounds. Where the employees were amenable to the dictates of the mayor, as in the past, he adds, there was no efficiency.

"Do you think it was right for the mayor and board to create the office of park superintendent before they left office?" Mayor J. J. Fern inquired today. "Didn't they know that the newly elected board would create that office?" The law is that the mayor shall make all appointments, except those created by law, and the question is why the board created Vierra's office before they left office, under ordinance 121.

"Personally, I believe, and feel, that the action taken by the board was not right. When the position was created, Vierra was supposed to be superintendent, but he was given the power to appoint all janitors of schools, which he should have no right to do, and therefore I believe that the taking away of this power from the mayor was not right."

Asked if he can see any way out of the fight over appointments which has created a split in the board's membership, the mayor replied: "Something has got to be done. What is the use of fighting all the time? We will have to give the Republicans more rope and wait for them to come around. I guess. It is apparent that the majority of the board is not going to let me appoint anyone but Republicans."

Contrary to reports which have been making the rounds lately, Mayor Fern says he is not considering the name of L. M. Whitehouse for city engineer. Asked if he thought some agreement could be reached whereby the name of Whitehouse would be submitted, the mayor said he did not know.

"As regards the creation of the office of park superintendent," he added, "I believe the whole thing was a political trick to get a Republican in office before the old mayor and board went out of office."

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE REV. W. E. POTWINE

There will be held at St. Elizabeth's church, Palama, on Saturday, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon a memorial service for the Rev. W. E. Potwine, who was for eleven years priest-in-charge of the mission.

The burial of the late Rev. Mr. Potwine will be held at Santa Rosa, California, on Saturday afternoon.

Bishop Restarick will officiate at the service at St. Elizabeth's church—Adv.

JURY EXCUSES The following trial jurymen in Circuit Judge Heen's division of circuit court have been excused until further notice: Kim Tong Ho, Bishop Trust Co.; W. M. Minton, now on the mainland; and Isadore A. Scharon, excused for two weeks.

The following are excused for term: Vernon L. Ayau, John G. Duarte, Alan McGowan, Joseph Whittle, George B. Robinson.

Robbins B. Anderson left for Hawaii today. He will return next Tuesday.

WANT JAPANESE TO BE MEMBER OF FOOD BOARD

Present non-representation of the Japanese community on the territorial food commission is a matter which Honolulu Japanese are very much interested in and it has been proposed that they apply for authority to appoint one of their number.

H. Tsurushima, president of the Hawaii Seishu Kwashi, a sake brewery concern, and editor of the Hawaii Times, yesterday said that a Japanese should be appointed a member of the commission. He added that he would like to see a K. O. Ozawa, a member of the commission, appointed as a member of the commission, equally as good as not better informed on Japanese food stuffs, should have been appointed in his place.

He claims that the members of the commission now do not know as much about Japanese foodstuffs as the Japanese themselves, and that it is only right that a Japanese should be appointed to fill the vacancy of the late Attorney Ozawa.

"What do the commissioners of food know about the Japanese foodstuffs?" asks Tsurushima. He thinks that the governor was wrong in appointing Arthur W. Neely to fill the place of Ozawa. The Japanese would have been more than \$2500 a month, the chief executive appointed a Japanese in Ozawa's place, he declares.

MUCH ISLAND PRODUCE NOW IN MARKETS

Maui onions in big quantities are coming into the Territorial Market, their price being about \$2.50 a hundred pounds and three cents a pound retail. Sweet potatoes are also plentiful. They retail for \$1.50 a bag and two and a half cents a pound.

Island dry corn for food is another product which is coming from the Kula slopes on Maui. The corn is selling for \$3 a ton. Bananas are the only island fruit of which there is any considerable quantity, although a large shipment of watermelons is expected from Maui next Monday. The only drop of price of island products is in Maui rice beans, which now sell for \$9.50 a hundred.

POLICE NOTES

Because he violated the liquor law, Ah Kou, Chinese, yesterday morning was sentenced by Judge Irwin in police court to pay a fine of \$250 and costs of court.

M. Ingram, J. H. Hoffman and J. L. Evans, charged with malicious conversion of the automobile of another man, had their cases stricken from the calendar. Sheriff Charles Ross said that in his investigation of the cases he learned from the owner of the automobile that the men used the machine with his consent.

Ah Chun, for having opium in his possession, paid a fine of \$25 and costs of court. Lau Tong, another opium dealer, paid \$15 for his transaction. Jose Babinista, charged with threats, was ordered by the court to furnish a bond of \$250 to keep peace for six months, and in default thereof, to be imprisoned for six months. Babinista, according to reports, threatened his wife.

Roderick Finlayson Lamb and Miss Eleanor Patterson were married on Tuesday by Rev. Leopold Kroil of St. Andrew's cathedral. The witnesses were Miss Kyria Ginnins and Miss Ethel Roche.

A delicatessen sale for the benefit of the Red Cross will be held at the corner of Beretania and Fort streets, Sept. 8, 1917.—Adv.

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