

**UNCLE SAM'S BOYS, NOW!**

**The Officers and Men of Company B Are Sworn Into Uncle Sam's Service.**

Colonel Corby and his eleven companies of the 4th Mo. Inf., arrived at Jefferson Barracks Wednesday morning of last week, and judging from the reception accorded them on their arrival they were strictly "in it."

Camp was pitched between the pavilion and battery, and on their arrival Company B. went to work like old campaigners, arranging their quarters, and making themselves as comfortable as possible.

Recruiting officers Moore and Hardeman, surveyed the company with pleased surprise. The way they went to work without bothering anyone or wasting any time stamped them at once as the "real thing."

Battery A. and stragglers from Infantry Hill cheered the boys as they marched up from the pavilion, and willing hands lent them as much help as they would accept.

A more ideal and picturesque site for a military camp than the government reservation at Jefferson Barracks could scarcely be found in the United States. Company B. saw it in its best light, and circumstances could not have been better to give them an thorough initiation into the military life they have volunteered to enter. If peace should be declared at once and the company ordered home, the experience each and every soldier in the company has gained the few days it has been at the barracks will prove invaluable. The day of arrival from early morning until 10 o'clock, was filled with incidents that will furnish many a reminiscence for years.

Adjutant General Bell has selected the best spot on the reservation for the camp of the Missouri soldiers. It is a natural park, and covers acres over the high hills overlooking the Mississippi river. The West. The Iron Mountain railroad skirts the hills, close to the river. Jefferson Barracks station is a little square white stone building that reaches over a storm, near the entrance into Uncle Sam's training grounds for fighters. Back of it is a long slope leading to the plateau of several acres, where the Barrack building and parade grounds are. The old white Barrack buildings, three stories high, with broad verandas running around each floor, are crumbling with age and looking substantial and full of interesting notes. They guard the brow of the hill and then a square on the summit of the hill.

A quarter of the ground is covered with tall slender trees and covered with underbrush and grass. Directly north west of the Barracks is one of these ravines and beyond the ravine rises a broad, gentle grade, with here and there small ravines running into the main one. This is covered with bluegrass, as green, however, as it should be this time of year. The summit is on a level with the Barrack grounds, or even a little higher. Here Company B. and the entire Missouri national guardsmen are having their first taste of the real soldier's life.

The first Infantry is assigned to the right side of the slope, facing the Barracks. The second to the left of the first. The third in camp across a slight ravine from the second. The fourth is directly to the left of the third. The white tents of Battery A. can be seen through the foliage of the trees across the ravine from the regiment's camp. Back to the west of the camp is a wide looking strip of woods. Through the foliage of the trees in a gully northeast, a mile from camp, is a glimpse of the river. Occasionally a big steamboat can be seen plowing her way up the river to St. Louis or gliding easily and swiftly down the channel.

The boys of Company B. who have spent their time for several years, behind counters, in the shops, upon the farm and in the office, did not conceal their enthusiasm when they were sworn into their first genuine military camp, as it appeared with the morning sun falling directly on it and rapidly licking up the sparkling dew from the grass.

Colonel Corby held the companies that first arrived on the Barrack grounds until the last company had arrived and fallen in. Then he ordered the adjutant-General Bell's headquarters to be moved to the camp grounds. About one-fifth of the privates had their luggage on their backs, fully one-half were uniformed and equipped with guns, belts, canteens and blankets. The companies marched in good order, Col. Corby and his staff mounted, across the Barrack grounds to the regimental band making the hills echo with "Dixie" and the "Star-Spangled Banner." They looked like an invading army as they tramped over the new grass, and across the trees and across the little stream of water in the ravine, and up the slope to the home the government has assigned them.

The first battle to be witnessed by the boys of the 4th was that of a struggle between the regiment's mascot and that of the Third's. The fourth's mascot, in the shape of a brindle bull dog, called "Slobs."

"Slobs" doesn't like his name, and he is the nastiest looking dog in the regiment. He at once visited the company camp, looking for trouble. He whipped a corn-crowed by Company D of the first regiment, Colonel Bagley's black cat and then tackled Bugler Stiles' dog. Stiles kicked from the trooper's heavy boot sent "Slobs" howling to his quarters.

Lieut. W. P. Burnham, was appointed lieutenant colonel of the 4th Mo. Inf. Stephens, on its arrival in camp. He is a regular army officer and has been stationed at Fort Leavenworth with the Second Infantry for several years, and was by the officers of the regiment and has secured leave from the war department. This is done on account of Col. Corby's special experience in the 4th Mo. Inf.

Bert Nipher was the first of the Oregon boys to be assigned to duty, and was on guard on Thursday 12th, and stood out in the rain, and was soaked to the skin before relief came. He is a son of himself and brother, Guy, Frank Pennington, W. B. Mauer, and two Rockport boys.

On Sunday evening with solemn and impressive ceremonies the Fourth regiment of national guardsmen from north-west Missouri became full fledged volunteers in the nation's grand army. The liberation of the Cubans, all Sunday the surgeons were busy completing the physical examinations. As each company had more than the minimum of men, the examination was made very rigid. The most frequent cause of rejection was difficult eyesight, the surgeons being very particular that each man should have his eyes independent, serviceable, and while there were few rejections, it was found that Company B of Holt county had the minimum of any company of the regiment, only three of this company being rejected, these were: A. J. Ducey and P. G. Frazer, of Clinton City, and J. T. Nickell, of New Point. The fourth's "Star-Spangled Banner" "Captain King, of Hickman has the distinction of passing the best examination of any of the line officers of the regiment."

Nearly 300 unattached men accompanied the regiment, and Colonel Corby's wisdom in this matter saved no end of trouble in filling companies caused by the rejections.

By Sunday evening the last man of the regiment had been examined, and on Monday morning bright and early Lieutenant Hardeman, began the formal of making soldiers out of the erstwhile clerks, merchants, farmers and professional men from Holt county. The company formed by two in its company street. Each man's name was called and he was required to answer in a loud voice "Here," and at the same time to walk forward past the recruiting officer and take up a position at right angles to the one he occupied. Lieutenant Hardeman

scanned each one of our boys very narrowly, as he came up the line. He was aligned in the second position at company front the recruiting officer and Capt. King passed along, muster rolls in hand, and checked each man very carefully. When they had satisfied themselves that these were the identical men and full as to numbers by comparison with the roll, Lieut. Hardeman summed the position and distance of a company commander, and Captain King and his Lieutenants Porter and Ballard faced him, about two paces in front of the command.

Now the recruiting officer commanded all to kneel over and upraise their right hands, and recite the oath of United States soldiers of all arms, which is:

"I, do hereby acknowledge to have voluntarily enlisted this... day of... 1898, in solemnity in the army of the United States of America, for the period of three years unless sooner discharged by proper authority; and do also agree to accept of the United States such bounty, pay, ration and clothing as may be established by law. And I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the United States of America, and that I will serve them honestly and faithfully against all their enemies whomsoever; and that I will obey the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to the rules and articles of war."

The officer then explained that discipline is essential in the army, and obedience is essential to discipline. Every soldier is required to obey every order that is given him by a superior officer, and to be obedient to the commission, unless the order is palpably wrong. And by "palpably wrong" is meant that it is such that the commonest mind would see it is wrong, and that it is against the law, and that it is against the honor of a citizen or a man. The oath being read clearly and distinctly in the hearing of all, each man was then separately put on his feet, and the recruit standing with uplifted hand, and the officer, standing before him with his right hand uplifted, says slowly: "Do you, God, Nipher, make the oath, so help you God?" The response "I do," was made, and each upon making this response, subscribed to the oath and immediately became a soldier in the United States army. Then the boys, one by one, signed the muster rolls for the government record. The duplicate and triplicate rolls, for the state and company, were made up until afterward in the interest of time saving.

After the muster rolls had been signed, the recruiting officer saw in the field, and the boys were taken to the barracks, and the non-commissioned staff officers were next.

In the company streets some stirring scenes were witnessed on the preparation of the hour, and Captain King, and his lieutenants were separately cheered by the boys.

E. L. Crider, of Maitland, obtained a transfer to Company of the 4th. A terrible rain storm visited the camp Friday night, and gave the boys a slight idea of what they may expect in that line of service. The Fifth regiment arrived the evening of the storm, and they being located in about the worst part of the Barracks for best weather, had a terrible initiation of experience.

The regiment will, in all probability, be equipped at the Barracks before its departure for the field.

It is said that fully 10,000 people visited the Barracks on Sunday among whom was "Os" King, of the Mount City News, and brother of the Captain of Company B, and Mrs. D. P. Dolores's son. He is a son of General W. T. Sherman.

It is not believed that three regiments of infantry will be sent to Chickamauga and 1 regiment of Infantry to Washington.

The muster in job completed, Colonel Corby through his adjutant notified the war department that the 4th regiment Mo. Volunteer Infantry was ready for orders.

The field and staff of this regiment, as the muster rolls show is as follows: Colonel—Joseph H. Corby. Lieutenant Colonel—Wm. P. Burnham. First Major—Wm. E. Stringfellow. Second Major—Wilson S. Hendrick. Third Major—Clyde C. McArthur. First Assistant Surgeon—Arthur W. McArthur. Second Assistant Surgeon—Wm. L. Whittington. Adjutant—Lieut. George L. Rollins. Quartermaster—Ed J. Remison. Chaplain—Capt. Thos. E. Sherman, C. J.

First Battalion Adjutant—Wm. Cooke. Second Battalion Adjutant—Clarence L. Marine. Third Battalion Adjutant—Earl K. Stewart. Sergeant Major—Stephen Perrine. Quartermaster Sergeant—Henry C. Walker. Chief Musician—Willis C. Maupin. First Principal Musician—John H. Grill. Second Principal Musician—Charles J. Lorenz. Hospital Stewards—Shannon Richmond, Harry C. Lee, Fred C. Oehler. J. D. Denton, W. H. T. H. Joseph Conley, F. H. Forney, C. H. Has. Smith. Trumpeters—W. S. Wadde, G. D. Ware.

Asher, Paris Keyser, C. C. Anderson, Chas. E. Keown, W. E. Baldwin, W. L. Luffer, Frank Denton, W. H. Murray, Baynard Blewins, V. J. Mitchell, F. W. Baker, S. J. Mitchell, G. L. DeLong, E. C. McCulley, W. H. Bond, Earl Nipher, Bert Nipher, Guy Pennington, W. B. Bennett, G. O. Craig, E. H. Pennington, F. Chesney, Henry Chesney, E. R. M. Denny, J. A. M. Downey, E. M. Dryden, L. DeBelk, Denton Fike, Oscar Sawyer, Oscar Simmons, Tom Sutton, Richard Stevens, Guy Snyder, T. U. S. Turpin, A. B. Thurman, Harry Vandewater, E. Holenbeck, A. C. Wright, Clyde Haglock, Jno. Williams, J. A. Hall, J. W. Williams, H. M. Kelly, A. D. R. Wilson, J. J.

The men who failed to pass the medical examination were furnished transportation back to St. Joseph by the state authorities.

One of the St. Louis-baking firms that has secured the contract for furnishing hardtack to the Missouri volunteers has adopted the novel idea of perforating the bread, each piece about the size of a soda cracker, with this little cry, "Remember the Maine." Although the hardtack may be dry eating, as they say, the soldiers are on forced marches in the South, this inscription on the bread may materially aid their digestion.

The destination of the Fourth regiment has been decided, but it is understood that the Fourth and Fifth will probably be sent to Washington,

and thence to Richmond. The other regiments from this state have been started for Chickamauga. The Fourth and Fifth are expected to leave this week at the latest.

The case of only two men to a company is a remarkable good average, and was much commented on by regular army officers here, says the Kansas City Star.

Col. Corby is feeling justly proud of the fact that several members of the board of examining physicians remarked after completing the examination that they had never seen a cleverer or more healthy lot of men in their class. It was a compliment of no uncertain meaning. For this same board had just concluded the examination of more than 2,000 men. The reason for this is the fact that the boys of the Fourth are in a large proportion farmers' sons.

I thought that owing to the fact that there are so many Holt county boys here that you would appreciate a letter from the camp. As I am writing this letter in my tent Company G, 3th Regiment marching by going over to be examined. Our company is Company I of some regiment we expect to be mustered in an hour or so. They are examining men very fast now as Hurry-up orders have been issued from the war department. They are still examining men in company I of Mount in City, Mass. It will be glad to be able to tell you that every one of the Oregon boys in company I of Mount in City, Mass. It will be glad to be able to tell you that every one of the Oregon boys in company I of Mount in City, Mass. It will be glad to be able to tell you that every one of the Oregon boys in company I of Mount in City, Mass.

Great excitement prevails in camp today. The boys are being equipped, and regiments have been ordered to leave this evening for Chickamauga Park.

The 4th and 5th regiment will go to Washington City, and the 10th to Chickamauga. Yesterday (Sunday) was a big day here there were about fifteen thousand visitors on the ground, many were friends of the boys who had come from a distance to see the camp, which by the way is a pretty big thing now—there being 5,000 men here.

As for myself and the rest of the boys in our company, we are enjoying camp life. We are called out at 5:30 o'clock in the morning; then comes the sick call, then mess call; then drill for two hours, and an early noon dinner. The boys are in dress parade; then supper and are free until 9:30 when we have roll call, and are sent to bed. Lights must be out by 10 o'clock.

We are all sleeping well, in fact it is strange that though we students are only used to about seven hours sleep while at school, now we sleep like the log; but not enough. Oh how we do sleep! The disagreeable things are sickness, the food, the Grand Old State of Missouri is giving us, and the special details are constantly being put on. For instance the first day in camp I was ordered to help the cook for twenty four hours, and today I was on duty at the hospital all morning and evening. It is of easy compared to some of the boys. But of course my time will come the same as others.

There are many other things to tell, but the bugle is calling the assembly, and in five minutes we will be marching over to the examining office.

Private Co. 15th Regiment, Jefferson Barracks, May 16, 1898.

**THE ST. JOSEPH JUBILEE.**

**Visitors From This City Find Street Accommodations Inadequate.**

A large number of people from this city and this part of the country attended the St. Joseph jubilee celebration at St. Ignace college, Chicago, last week. They were here for the purpose of their report having had a pleasant time while there. There was an immense crowd in attendance, and St. Joseph cared for her visitors in good shape so far as her facilities would permit.

It is a fact well known from one end of the country to the other that she is short on hotel accommodations. But this short little trouble last week, for with the aid of the bureau of information which the jubilee committee established, all could secure rooms and board for the night, although they were precluded from having their names added to the registers of the prominent hotels.

There is one thing, however, about which much complaint has been heard from those who visited the city last week, and that is in regard to the street car facilities. On the day of the big barbecue an attempt was made to transport the immense throng of people to the stock yards with a single trolley arrangement which was able to handle but a small portion of the throng. The trolley was compelled to stall near switch engine and freight trains and many more walked in order to have an opportunity to inspect the packing houses, which comprise the best part of the two day program.

The same conditions existed all over the city. As a matter of fact on occasions of this kind the street cars are crowded in any city, but the reason for complaint in this instance comes from the fact that when there is no jubilee celebration and no crowd in town the St. Joseph Street Railway Company is unable to properly handle the stock yards business. Why the management does not provide sufficient facilities when the work is certain to be done, and move and why the St. Joseph people will stand an imposition of this kind are questions that appear to be difficult to answer.

It is wished to have the next packing houses shown off to good advantage they must see that a better way is provided for getting to them.

**Nickels Grove.**—Miss Daudy Hershey was in the Grove, Sunday.

—Al Hershey and wife attended the jubilee at St. Joe, last week.

—The St. Joe, has been quick with the measles, is able to be around again.

—Otho Martin left this week for Indiana, where he was called to the bedside of his mother.

—Rev. Solt will preach at the A. E. church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. The ordinance of baptism will also be performed.

—The school board has made an excellent choice in choosing a teacher for the coming term, having secured the services of Miss Ida E. Kelly.

—Dan Dreher, while listing the other day, met with what might have been a serious accident; his horse became entangled in some barbed wire, and one of them was badly cut on the lister.

**Richville.**—Annie Curtis has gone to St. Joseph to spend a few weeks.

—Frank Foss and wife were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hunter, Sunday morning.

—Rev. H. Crumpton will preach in the Richville school house Sunday afternoon, May 22nd.

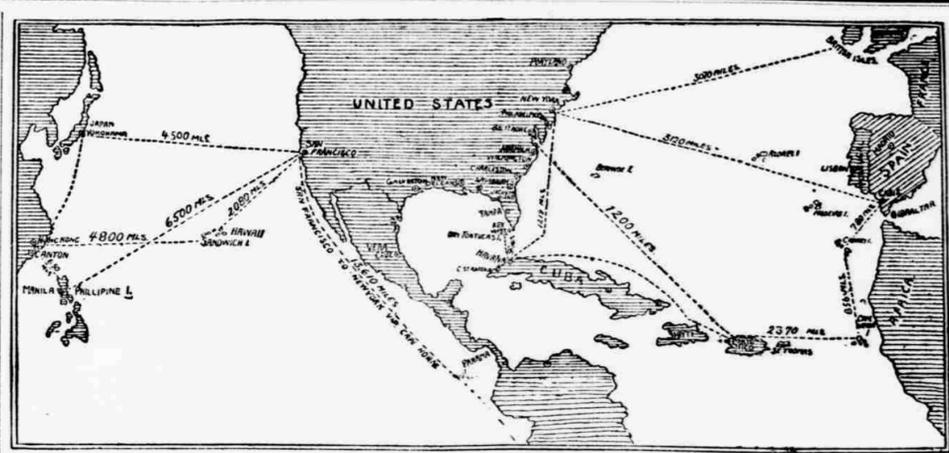
—On account of bad weather and roads there was no Sunday school or Endeavor last Sunday.

—The boys of Richville are talking of getting together and drilling. Why don't the youngsters in the neighborhood organize clubs or adjoining districts combine and drill under some competent instructor?

—Misses Lora Opt, Luella Weigel and Vickey Vogel, and Messrs. J. Helwig, Ferree, Matt Feichter, Malcolm Matthews attended the celebration at St. Joseph last Wednesday. We did not hear of any others.

—The many Holt county friends of Benjamin Frazer, of St. Joseph, will regret to learn that he has been stricken with paralysis of the entire left side, and is now lying at death's door.

—Commander Caskey has extended an official invitation to the school children and fraternal societies to participate in the exercises in Memorial Day exercises. His official orders will be found on our inside pages.



MAP OF THE WORLD, SHOWING POINTS AT WHICH WAR IS IN PROGRESS, RELATIVE DISTANCES, ETC.

**LATEST WAR NEWS.**

Admiral Sampson's squadron, composed of the battleship Iowa, flagship New York, Indiana, monitors Terror and Amphitrite, and the cruisers Detroit, Montgomery, and the torpedo boat Porter, in search of the Spanish Cape Verde fleet, arrived a lookout on, and Sea Detroit led the way in the harbor and the Iowa opened fire on Morro castle. The Spanish fleet, under Admiral Cervera, and the others in the order, named respectively, the Detroit's fire was excellent.

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Key West, Fla., May 11. Of the town of Cienfuegos, the cruises Marblehead and the Spanish fleet, under Admiral Cervera, and the others in the order, named respectively, the Detroit's fire was excellent.

It was determined some time ago to cut the Spanish cable out of Cienfuegos and thus prevent the movements of American ships on that cable. The cable, known to Madrid, is considered by naval experts as the greatest accomplishment of the Spanish fleet, under Admiral Cervera, and the others in the order, named respectively, the Detroit's fire was excellent.

Under cover of the cannonade the Nashville and Marblehead launched boats and their crew pulled into where the cable took off. By dint of rare courage they cut the cable and started back. The boats were riddled and their occupants were soon struggling in the water. The trenches were quickly attended for.

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Key West, May 12. A masked battery, at Cardenas fired on the torpedo boat Windsor at Cardenas yesterday and killed Lieut. Bagley and four men. The commander was seriously wounded. The dead were brought in on the gun boat Hudson, which also towed the ruins of the Windsor. The Windsor, Wilmington and Hudson were in the harbor and about 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon the little torpedo boat moved in close to shore. She could see the main battery, and she fired a salvo, but had no thought of a masked battery. She reached a point nearly 500 yards from shore when suddenly the Spanish batteries opened fire and she was hit by a dozen shots. She was hurt, but not crippled and bore the brunt of the battle until the Windsor was safe out of the harbor. The Spanish batteries were silenced eventually, and a number of men killed and wounded. All is war now. The navy department has been issued to the commander of the blockading squadron that will give him an opportunity to turn his ships loose on the fortifications where resistance is offered. Every Cuban port that is strongly protected will be attacked and the bombardment will be kept up until the Cuban ports are silenced and all gunboats are sunk.

President McKinley is seriously considering the wisdom of calling for more volunteers from the states, practically all of them. The call may be as small as 50,000 or it may be as large as 100,000. The president believes that in view of the probability that ultimately a very large force will be required for the occupation of the Philippine islands, it is better to ask congress to give him authority for a new call to arms.

The flying squadron has arrived at Key West. All well on board. It is believed in naval and military circles that the flying squadron at Key West will be followed almost immediately by an invasion of Cuba and a combined attack by army and navy forces on the island.

A dispatch from Washington says all Cuban cables except those running to the United States are to be cut. Blanco's still in communication with Madrid. This the naval board intends to stop.

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European interference is prompted by really friendly sentiments for Spain. Spain's defeat and the loss of the colonies is a foregone conclusion. The powers are discussing the division of the spoils, and want to agree that the United States shall retain nothing outside of the West Indies and Great Britain get nothing.

The attitude of Europe is broadly hostile to the Anglo-Saxon race. It is impossible to state when the first overt act is to come.

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**LAND OF CONFUCIUS.** Helen R. Galloway Writes About the Land of the Almond-Eyed.

Chung Province, and a very important city. Because you know we can get carried in chairs from these cities. Each morning a stream of 300 people, in a motor car, and a horse-drawn carriage, as it was opened. The road is narrow, two persons can walk together but oftenest one by one they go, and every one in Chung is so used to the universal chair, in China, and as one looks back over the road one can see the line as it winds around and in and out for the road is not a straight one, one cannot think of the power of the mountains, I have seen it, but it has not been Americanized, Oh! the slowness of it, a solemn procession, for when we walked out on our "hike" then we would tell each other the day's experiences, then a hastily prepared supper and our beds were made up and we slept as comfortably as at home. Because you know we can get carried in chairs from these cities. Each morning a stream of 300 people, in a motor car, and a horse-drawn carriage, as it was opened. The road is narrow, two persons can walk together but oftenest one by one they go, and every one in Chung is so used to the universal chair, in China, and as one looks back over the road one can see the line as it winds around and in and out for the road is not a straight one, one cannot think of the power of the mountains, I have seen it, but it has not been Americanized, Oh! the slowness of it, a solemn procession, for when we walked out on our "hike" then we would tell each other the day's experiences, then a hastily prepared supper and our beds were made up and we slept as comfortably as at home.

Our third day out we were overtaken by 50 coolies carrying silver from some bank in Chung to the city. They were under the charge of one man who was responsible for the safe delivery of the hundreds of thousands of dollars. They were carrying the silver in boxes, while we stopped for lunch they would pass us, and their movements being too slow for us we would pass them again. This was the every day experience for our fellow travelers who had these chairs are never more than 2 1/2 feet wide. Well we were then 10 foreigners from Chung King, and in all 15 Chinese from Chung King and the 15 Americans. We were in session eight days, but I think and profitable time together, but I think not quite the deep spirited blessing of last year, though souls were blessed and we enter upon the work of the year with determination to make it count for the Master. My work is interrupted by a woman's school and girl's day school, with books, housekeeping and all the other little things as before. 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