

# DRILLED THE RECRUITS

## Day of Hard Work for Volunteers in Camp.

### RESULT OF EXAMINATIONS.

Surgeons Passed on 191 of the Boys, Accepting 146 and Rejecting 37, while 8 were Accepted Conditionally—Complaints of Discrimination in Passing on Physical Qualifications—Another Call to be Made for 40 or 50 More Artillery Recruits to Fill Vacancies.

Work, hard work was the order within the gates of Fort Douglas yesterday. From reveille to retreat, when the artillery recruits were not eating, they were emulating the example of the "busy bee" and each shining hour saw them a little nearer the goal of perfection in soldiery.

It was just 6 o'clock yesterday morning when Bugler Elmer Thomas of battery A, U. S. V., stepped out in front of headquarters at Camp Kent and sounded reveille. As the notes of the bugle found their way into the barracks-rooms, those who were fortunate enough to be asleep turned over in their bunks, yawned, and hastened to don their clothes. They presented a bedraggled appearance as they filed out to the washroom, for what with a persistent black corporal who told stories until almost midnight, and the shifting propensities of the ticks, many of the recruits got little more than the proverbial forty winks.

A breakfast of steak, fried potatoes, beans, pork chops and coffee came next and went a long way toward dispelling the feelings of homesickness.

After breakfast orders were posted at headquarters and were eagerly read by the men. They announced the officers of the companies, and the appointment of Lieut. Grow as post Adjutant. But what interested the volunteers most was the schedule of calls the orders contained.

### DRILLED THE SQUADS.

The day was one of industry for the recruits. As soon after breakfast as they could be gotten together, both batteries were divided into squads, and these were placed under command of men of experience and drilled for two hours. The drill sergeants temporarily appointed are as follows: For battery A, First Sergt. Allen, Sergts. Nystrom, Mackman, Fisher and Johnson. Battery B, First Sergt. Eddy, Sergts. Forslund, Eber and Hines.

What hard work it was at first! How those young fellows did perspire in their efforts to please the sergeants. First came the setting-up drill, after the violent efforts of which one young Nephtie remarked: "Well, by heck, I didn't know we had to do all them things."

After dinner came another period of drills, and at this time the young men had quite a large audience of city folks. They showed marked improvement at each drill, although there are some that will not get the "water out of their joints" for some time. The drills embrace simply elementary lessons in marching, facing, etc. The officers in command feel that they are fortunate in having such excellent drill-sergeants. Sergts. Eddy, Allen, Nystrom and Hines especially are proficient and are popular with the men. At retreat general order No. 3, relating to drills, was read. It sets hours for two additional drills, one at 10:25 a. m. and the other at 5:35 p. m., in addition to those already ordered.

### AN ARMY MEAL.

At noon dinner was served in the lower battery A dining-room for the officers. Lieut. Wells, Capt. Young and Grant, Lieuts. Webb, Critchlow and Grow partook of the meal, which was served in army style. Lieut. Critchlow told stories of other meals he had eaten and kept the table in a roar. Lieut. Gibbs was sent to town to receive the Oden guns, and consequently was not one of the merry party.

The Oden guns, caissons, limbers and equipments arrived in the city in the morning and were unloaded and two of the guns hauled to the camp in the evening. They were placed in the vacant lot in the rear of headquarters. The guns are in fair shape, but will require work to make them as neat as those in every-day use. Squads of men gathered around them as they were hauled in, and those who knew what they were delivered lectures on them, which, though not according to the best authorities, were highly entertaining.

Retreat closed the busy day for the young volunteers. As the first call was sounded, a colored corporal presented Lieut. Dashiell's respects to Capt. Grant and asked for a detail of two men to take down the flag, and Sergt. Forslund and Corp. St. Morris went. After roll-call Buglers Madden and Thomas "sounded off," and just as the sun dropped behind the western hills, leaving the lake a glittering, shifting mass of gold, Old Glory was hauled down and stowed away.

Simultaneously restraint was cast aside and the tired but thoroughly enthusiastic young recruits sought their beds. So far, not a word of dissatisfaction has been heard from the enlisted men. They are willing to obey, never question a command and bear the little irregularities with great good nature. On the other hand, the officers are patient and obliging, but firm. Already the men are devoted to their commanders and express themselves as willing to follow them anywhere.

### EXAMINED BY SURGEONS.

Of 191 Passed on, 146 were Accepted Unconditionally.

Up at the hospital behind the trees, Lieut. Wells, Dr. Penrose and Steward Twigg were busy nearly all day examining recruits. Many a young fellow, brimful of patriotism and hope, walked out of the examining-room crestfallen and despondent. He didn't know there was anything the matter with him and would have bet on his getting through. But he was a trifle light for his height, had poor eyes, bad feet or was otherwise physically defective.

The work of examining was begun at 10 o'clock in the morning, and it was late last night when Lieut. Wells suspended operations and closed the lists until today. There were 191 names on the list of those examined yesterday, 146 were marked as accepted, 37 as rejected and 8 as accepted conditionally.

Many of those rejected took their disappointment bitterly. Some berated the officers, said there was crooked work and vowed they would not volunteer again if Spain should invade Utah. Others said they disliked to go back after the effusive farewells at home.

A number of the men were out of proportion. That is, they were very tall and had no chest to speak of, or else they were of the requisite height and possessed of small hips. A few were very near-sighted and were

promptly rejected. The general run, however, was good, and those accepted would pass muster under the most critical eye. The examination closed for the night at 9:30.

The following is a list of those accepted and rejected, both conditionally and otherwise:

### ACCEPTED.

George Fisher, William Earl, Alex Colbath, Dan C. Johnson, Torwald Pfullman, Arthur M. Bowen, Joseph Doyle, William D. Riter, Harold Sleater, J. O. Nystrom, Charles Aspland, John T. Dennellan, P. O. Olson, R. D. Bostwick, Richard L. Bush, John A. Anderson, John H. Meredith, Chester J. T. Hope, Charles Peterson, Homer W. Wyner, George D. Larson, John W. Beemis, H. M. Madsen, James J. Ryan, E. V. DeMontalvo, Arthur Borkman, John R. Woolsey, Charles C. Clapper, George H. Hudson, William Jacobson, George Butt, Thomas J. Hughes, William P. McLaughlin, William J. Robinson, William Crawford, Edgar W. Stout, Michael Murray, Frank W. Emery, Orrie A. Gridley, John W. Campbell, George Frankfield, H. P. Hansen, George Duffin, Julius Sorenson, Peter Jensen, Frank J. Utz, P. B. Fredrickson, Hans Jensen, Theodore Christensen, Walter D. Hall, Sam S. Porter, John R. Vance, W. M. Clawson, Emil Johnson, Charles E. Varlan, J. W. Meranda, Charles Parsons, Ezra S. Funk, John H. Berlin, Harry Loftus, W. R. Anderson, Peter Oleson, Louis D. Christensen, W. T. Denn, Arthur S. Louder, Robert Stewart, Niels Nielson, Joseph T. Woodford, Joseph J. Holbrook, Willard Call, Delbert W. Whiting, Enoch J. Cavanaugh, Ellis C. Freed, Lewis Miller, W. J. Henderson, Mark E. Bezzant, Greeley C. Ladd, Thomas Collins, J. B. Ferguson, John D. Zollinger, S. A. Wycherly, V. A. Smith, Leo N. Gledhill, Severen Rasmussen, E. W. Howells, Lehl Thomas, Buriak Wilkins, J. L. Robinson, H. O. Jones, Edward G. Wood, Parley P. Christensen, D. V. Lawson, T. N. Newman, W. T. Aldrich, George E. Doty, M. C. Phillips, R. R. Pratt, D. M. Anderson, J. W. Walters, J. W. Morgan, George Lacey, N. E. Margetts, L. A. Curtis, V. L. Chamberlain, G. B. Wardlaw, Reinhardt Olsen, Stephen Bjarnson, A. L. Williams, R. H. Raiph, B. R. Gibbon, W. J. Collins, Eugene Chatlin, James McCabe, Peter Hertz, W. C. Webb, R. W. Young, O. R. Grow, J. D. Curtis, Andrew Peterson, Jr., Peter Anderson, Augustus Branscom, P. B. Florence, J. D. Bridgman, H. L. Souther, G. A. Seaman, H. E. Coolidge, Charles R. Mabe, L. M. Fair, W. Ryver, F. E. Peterson, L. C. Green, Francis Tuttle, W. H. Savage, Godfrey J. Bluth, John F. Zahler, S. P. Tyree, J. K. Burch, F. H. Coulter, L. P. Anderson, F. D. Sweet, M. Ackard, J. N. Buchl, F. T. Hines, J. A. Boshard, G. R. Larson, A. N. Walters, A. P. Nelson, Thomas Thornberg—146.

### ACCEPTED CONDITIONALLY.

Joseph H. Richards, John W. Hughes, Francis B. Tripp, John Hogan, Otto Blomquist, Theo L. Genter, Elmer J. Thomas, Leo Dee—3.

### REJECTED.

W. H. Farnes, M. H. Bullock, B. A. Sorenson, James G. Beck, S. J. Cardwell, Nepht Reese, S. Robinson, Daniel Omen, John T. Kennedy, William Van Alsting, James W. Johnson, Daniel Johnson, Henry Christopher, L. W. Birk, James Thompson, W. E. White, J. J. Pine, William Maddick, I. Smith, Charles R. Greiner, D. Stevenson, C. B. Herron, J. A. Kersh, Oscar A. Anderson, Joseph Sanders, Fred Kimberman, E. Van Syckle, Willard Wright, Edward C. Graves, P. B. Rankey, J. A. Shelley, A. O. Peterson, Jr., Frank Jardine, Parker J. Hall, James Jorgenson, Gustav Danielson, John West—37.

### MORE BATTERYMEN NEEDED.

Governor will Probably Send for them Today.

It is altogether probable that Gov. Wells will be obliged to send for forty to fifty additional battery men. Rejections for one cause or another by the examining surgeon will deplete the ranks of those sent for to that extent. Their places will have to be filled and this will be done by calling in some of the men who have volunteered but weren't sent for. In making this call proper regard will be had for the different parts of the State. The men will be ordered to report at Camp Kent on Monday.

### Utah Vindicated.

In great contrast to the recent sermon of Brigham Young is the letter of the First Presidency of the Mormon church, addressed to Gov. Wells, in which it urges the members of that faith to respond with alacrity to the call that has been made upon the State for volunteers. The sermon of Brigham Young was universally condemned for its scath and un-American sentiments. The address of the church presidency is patriotic and praiseworthy and will do much toward disproving the oft-repeated charge that the people of Utah are disloyal. It is difficult to understand why Mr. Young should so stultify himself and the people of his faith by recommending that they remain home for fear of probable death and show their loyalty instead by purchasing Government bonds; and it is a great relief that others have seen fit to free Utah of such an impeachment of her honor and patriotism.—Box Elder News.

### Camp Notes.

Lieut. Grow received a pleasant surprise yesterday morning. As he was walking up from drill, he met Ben Eldredge riding down from the direction of the canyon and leading two handsome brown horses. As he greeted the Lieutenant he said, "Take your choice of these two nags, Lieutenant, and accept my best wishes in the bargain." The Lieutenant stammered his thanks, and calling an orderly, had his new steed led to the stable. It is stated that some of Capt. Young's friends are planning a similar surprise, and Capt. Grant is ready to ride any gift-horse that comes his way.

James B. Tate of Provo received the first detail as headquarters orderly. He was designated by Lieut. Grow, and though minus a uniform, was on duty through the day. Private Arthur L. Thomas also acted as orderly. Scott Wells has been temporarily appointed headquarters clerk, and presided at a typewriter in Capt. Young's office.

Four days' rations were issued yesterday by order of Lieut. Wells.

Dr. A. C. Young assisted Dr. Penrose yesterday afternoon.

Bakers Jennie and Danielson "didn't do a thing" yesterday. They made up 250 pounds of dough in loaves that came out of the oven brown and fine-looking. Jennie is an expert at the business, and his efforts elicited much praise from visitors.

After the drills in the afternoon, many of the men took advantage of the excellent bathhouse at the southwest corner of the parade ground.

Last night's rain will probably prevent the establishment of Camp Kent today. Tonight the men will again sleep in the barracks. When the weather permits details will be sent from both batteries and the tents will be erected in all save the places for the cavalry. The men will have their meals in the barracks at all times.

Those who are rejected by the physicians are given slips which when presented at the railroad offices are good for return tickets.

One of the young men examined late last night could not restrain his exuberant feelings when told he was accepted, and emitted a yell which awoke the echoes of the hospital and brought forth a rebuke from Lieut. Wells.

Steward Twigg, the long-suffering

hospital attendant, is rendering valuable assistance to the surgeons.

Lieut. Wedgewood expects to go to Provo tomorrow to settle up some business affairs.

Sam S. Porter and Joseph H. Richards, two of the original cavalry recruits, enlisted in the battery. The former was accepted for good, the latter conditionally.

On Sunday afternoon Held's band will give a free open-air concert at Fort Douglas, commencing at 5 o'clock. The concert is to be given as a compliment to the Utah volunteers now quartered at the rendezvous. All arrangements have been perfected for a big crowd of visitors at the camp on the occasion. The programme will include some patriotic novelties.

The G. A. R. posts of Salt Lake will pay the young volunteers a visit Sunday afternoon. Drills are to be suspended at the camp, and the veterans will see the boys in their tents or in barracks.

Joseph Shamrod, an Austrian, applied to Chaplain Allensworth for enlistment in the regular army yesterday. He served four years in the Austrian army, but could not prove that he had been honorably discharged, and under the United States regulations, Shamrod's application will not be considered. Frank H. Sommers passed a successful examination and was assigned to the Second Infantry, now at Chickamauga. He will leave for the front today. William G. Hoffman applied for enlistment yesterday. He will be examined today.

Militiamen who have accepted commissions in the artillery will lose their positions in the National Guard. This rule, announced by the Governor yesterday, applies to all the commissioned officers, as all are members and officers of the Guard.

There was a complaint among some of the men yesterday regarding an alleged laxity of the examining board in admitting some recruits who failed to come up to the requirements and excluding others whose defects were very slight and unimportant. It was said that in a few instances men who were too light for their height slipped in. One instance was cited of a man standing 6 feet 2 inches and weighing 145 pounds who was accepted. One husky farmer from Ephraim who was only one inch too tall for his weight was thrown out. The two instances were spoken of by volunteers and others, and all wondered why things were as they were represented. It is possible that the tall man possessed other qualifications, and that the farmer's eyes were poor.