

EIGHTH REGIMENT NOT TO GO SOUTH

According to rumor coming from good sources the Eighth Regiment, Illinois Infantry, now mustered into the federal service, will not train in the south land. The report made many mothers, sisters, brothers and fathers glad, and ten hours before the press dispatches reached the street word had gone the rounds and the report was cheered. None were sorry that their kin should not have to stand the rigors of the southland. The more conservative element were indignant. The south should not be allowed to dictate the policy of the U. S. government, especially when it only had a small voice therein. The Eighth should be sent with other Illinois regiments in the very division they belong.

The members of the Appomattox Club met Tuesday night and sent a protest to Senator Sherman, which follows:

Lawrence Y. Sherman, United States senator, Washington, D. C.: Report here that War Department has issued order that no Negro National Guard regiments shall be allowed to attend training camps in the south because of prejudice of southern people. We protest against any order by the government based upon race discrimination. Our soldiers have enlisted and are being drafted and will fight and die if need be for this country and universal democracy. We demand the same treatment and training for all United States soldiers, regardless of race or color. Let our government stand for one country, one flag, one duty for all citizens and for real democracy in our own country as well as democracy in Europe.

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Copy to Senator Sherman, Senator Lewis, President Wilson, Secretary of War Congressman Madden.

Lieutenant Colonel Johnson Back

Lieutenant Colonel Johnson rejoined his regiment last Friday, arriving from Fort Sill, Okla., where he was ordered

by the government some few months ago to receive instructions in musketry. He was the only officer of the Race in the camp and says that he was treated fine. He was cheered long and loud when he entered the armory.

Some Promotions

A number of commissions will be handed out probably the latter part of this week or the first of next. A captain will be made to fill the vacancy left by Stokes' promotion to majorship, which was left vacant by Major Jackson's retirement. A Defender reporter learned that Bobby Ward would be made a first lieutenant, also that Chester Booth, dentist, and a strong Y. M. C. A. worker, would receive a commission. It is expected that when the regiment moves to their camp

which will be designated by the War Department that Colonel Franklin A. Dennison will have one of the most efficient staffs of commissioned and non-commissioned officers of any regiment in the United States.

Officers and Men Work Hard

Both the officers and men worked like trojans last week during the physical examinations given by the regular army officers. Few failed to pass the test and the Eighth is now the only regiment in the state that has more than war strength. An order was received from the War Department to quit recruiting. At present no one knows just where the regiment will be sent nor when. Everything waits on orders.

New Guns Arrive

The Eighth received their shipment of new guns early in the week. Clothes are expected soon. The boys seem to be in a cheerful spirit and go through their daily drills with vim and vigor. The public is cordially welcomed to the armory.

Defender Man Gets Watch

Monday afternoon, in appreciation of his services while in the circulation department of the Chicago Defender, Lloyd McCoy was presented a late army wrist watch on behalf of the Defender and its staff by Hon. Robert S. Abbott, who made the presentation speech, in which he praised McCoy, who is now supply sergeant of Company G. Late Monday afternoon Captain Guinn, Lieutenant Warner, Captain Allen and Major Stokes made an auto trip to Fort Sheridan.

Well Fed

There is little sickness and the men are well fed. Most of the officers eat at home, but the men have plenty. The Defender reporters who make the armory each day, twice or more times, notice no one kicking on the food. Monday night each man had a nice slice of roast beef, pickled beets, corn bread, coffee and peach pie. And so it is at every meal, plenty to eat.

Few Unruly

Contrary to most cases, those few in the guard house are put there for some small infraction of a rule. There is the best of order among the men.

Seventh Regiment Visitors

Each day men from the Seventh come over and mingle with the boys. There is the best of friendly feeling. The Seventh is downcast since the report is out that the two brotherly regiments will not train together.