

## German Boys Sent Into Trenches With Three Days Training, Writes Red Cross Worker

German boys as young as 13 and 15 years of age have been taken prisoners by American soldiers, according to Robert Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson, 205 North Eleventh street, who is now in France with a French Reconstruction unit. Johnson is located at Malabry, six miles out of Paris.

Some of the young German soldiers brought in Paris as captives, he says, only had three days' training before they were sent into action.

Four thousand wounded men were brought into a railway station in one night, Johnson says, after the recent heavy fighting at the front. The courage shown by these men is remarkable, he states. Many of them have been for several days without any care other than that given at first aid stations.

Johnson was in Paris on Bastille Day and witnessed the parade led by soldiers from the front line trenches. The parade was shown in moving pictures three days after the celebration, and is being shown at an Indianapolis motion picture house this week.

**Eiffel Now Wireless Station.**

Following is a recent letter received from Johnson by his parents:

"I certainly enjoy receiving letters from home. Sunday night I had six letters awaiting me. Of course they were not all written at the same time.

"Yes, the Eiffel Tower is still standing, but it is now used as a wireless station and you are not allowed to go up to the top, but I did walk around it and under it. Some of the buildings of the old World's Fair are now used as schools for the re-education of the war victims. I may have mentioned in a letter about visiting Napoleon's Tomb on July 14. The building just north is used as a hospital, but that day the grounds were open to the public so we went in. The Court Yard was filled with all kinds of guns and cannons now in use in the present war, or rather the same styles are in use. They had two French airplanes, one of which belonged to a famous French ace whom the French honored, but who was killed about six months ago. They also had a German battle plane and a bombing plane and what was left of a Zeppelin. There were also many German shells and guns which had been captured.

"I have received all letters up to date although they do not come in regular order. We now have a different address. Instead of 4 Place de la Concorde, it is 4 Rue Gabriel. The Red Cross Postoffice has changed buildings in order to have more room. They were getting so much mail that they could not handle it very conveniently where they were.

**Wounded Show Courage.**

We have no soldiers here yet, but we cannot tell when they will come. Saturday we worked all day fixing things up and the head nurse said that there was a lot of red tape to go through before they can send anyone out here, for now it is in civil hands, and it has to be turned over to the military department. We have had our beds taken from us so we have to use cots which were furnished us at Philadelphia. Saturday morning we were given notice to be moved out of our houses within an hour so that they could be fitted up, so we had to hurry and pick out a house which was not furnished and move into it. We have everything handy so that we can move in a few minutes notice.

You can read all you want to but still not realize the awful conditions caused by the war. Sunday some of the fellows were called into Paris to work at the Gares (railroad station) taking care of wounded soldiers. They were sending in train loads of French, American and German soldiers. It certainly is surprising how much a man can endure and still live. Some men had gone for two days without the first dressing and some for four days without food and with only the first dressing on their wounds.

Some of the boys said that some German boys were captured from the infantry. One was only thirteen and the other fifteen and they had only been in training three days before going into the trenches. One machine gun captured was being fired by a woman. One fellow said that the German gunners were chained to their guns so that they could not leave. He said that when one shell burst he saw the men go up in the air with the

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Perhaps it may seem an extravagant statement to say that this great remedy saved a life; but women like Mrs. Hall, to whom it has brought health, appreciate the danger and suffering they have escaped too well to doubt it! All who suffer should try it. Why risk life and health without it?

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## 130,207 MEN IN NEW DRAFT CALL

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 9.—Calls for 130,207 draft registrants qualified for general military service to join the colors before the end of Aug. were issued tonight by the provost marshal general.

One hundred thousand white registrants from forty-three states are ordered entrained between Aug. 26 and Aug. 30. Twenty-one states and the District of Columbia are directed to furnish 30,207 negro registrants, to entrain Aug. 22-24.

Following are the middle western states from which the men now called will come, and the camps to which each quota is assigned:

Illinois—4,000, Camp Wadsworth, S. C.

Indiana—1,500, Camp Sherman, O.; 2,725 Camp Custer, Mich.

Iowa—500, Camp Funston, Kas.

Michigan—5,275, Camp Custer.

Ohio—6,650, Camp Taylor.

Wisconsin—500, Camp Sherman.

The negro registrants are called as follows:

Indiana—2,786, Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Iowa—83, Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Michigan—131, Camp Dodge, Iowa.

Ohio—327, Camp Taylor.

Mrs. Emma Parsons has received word from her nephew, Arl Schepman, that he has arrived safely in France. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Schepman who formerly lived in Richmond. Schepman is with Company I, 148 U. S. Infantry, A. E. F.

Corporal Walter Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wallace, 720 South Fifth street, is now stationed at the Walter Reid hospital in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Thomas Runyan, of Commons Road has received a letter from her brother, Lafayette C. Pickett, who was for several years connected with Pickett and Haindel grocery on West Main street. Stating that he has arrived in France, he has not yet been sent to the front. He stated that there were several men in his company whom he had known before going over, which he considered very good.

Pickett is in Company M, 130 Inf., A. E. F.

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