

PAULUS HORN, MEMBER LOGAN COUNTY REGIMENT IN 1862

12 Companies Were Formed by Residents In Short Time

(Sept. 12, 1935)

Editor's Note — In library of Grand Army of the Republic in Memorial Hall, Public Library Building, Michigan & Randolph Street, Chicago.

Mr. Paulus Horn, of this city, father of Mrs. Tillie England, was a member of this regiment.

The rivalry created under the call for soldiers in July, 1862, influenced the people of Logan county to endeavor to make up a complete regiment from the county, notwithstanding four complete companies had been enlisted in the county and that their depleted ranks had been filled by recruits from the same. Within 30 days from July 15, eight companies were enlisted from the county when Co. A from Sangamon county and Co. K from Menard county made the regiment complete.

The regiment went into camp at Lincoln, August 15, and was mustered into the U.S. Service September 18. It was drilled for a time by Lieut. Col. Adams, formerly of the Regular Army.

Moved from camp Nov. 7 via St. Louis to Columbus, Ky., arriving Nov. 10 and moved thence to Jackson, Tenn. The regiment was broken into detachments and detailed as provost guard in Jackson and also as a guard up and down the track of the M. & O.R.R. for some 20 or 30 miles on either side of Jackson. Lieut. Col. Campbell was detailed as provost marshal of Jackson.

On December 6 occurred the first death in the regiment. E. Rankin of Company C died on that day. While at Jackson, Capt. P. W. Harts was placed under arrest for refusing to guard rebel prisoners at the residence of their rebel friends instead of at the guard house. His company was soon afterwards relieved from provost duty and with Co. I, sent to O'Brien R. Bridge on the M. & O.R.R. Co. G and part of Co. C were sent eight miles north of Jackson to Carroll Station.

On December 17 Jackson was attacked by General Forrest and Co. C and G surrendered without resistance on the morning of Dec. 20. Companies H and I were also attacked by General Forrest, Capt. Harts, who had been released from arrest and had joined his command on the 19th had taken the precaution to construct temporary breastworks of some bridge timber. The rebel force made a severe attack, which continued from noon until dark, but were finally repulsed with severe loss. On the night of December 20 part of Co. C commanded by Lt. Johnson, was attacked in the block house and after a severe fight of several hours drove the enemy off, after killing and wounding quite a number. In neither of these engagements were any of our men killed or wounded.

At the O'Brien R. Fight Serg. Henry Fox of Co. H climbed up the timbers of the bridge and crossed it under the fire of the whole rebel force on his way to Jackson for reinforcements and although it was a perilous undertaking, he reached Jackson in perfect safety. After Forrest's raid the regiment was sent farther north to guard railway stations.

The prisoners paroled by General Forrest were sent to Benton Barracks and were exchanged late in the summer of 1863. The balance of the regiment was ordered to Bolivar in March and about May 31 it moved to Vicksburg. While enroute there the boat in which the regiment was conveyed was fired into at close range while off Island 63 by several companies of rebel infantry and two pieces of cannon. Capt. Beezeley's son was killed at the first fire. A few others were killed and about 25 wounded.

After serving in the trenches at Vicksburg a few weeks the regiment was sent 40 miles up the Yazoo R. to repel a rebel force at that point returning by forced

marches, harrassed by the enemy and the extreme hot, burning weather, many of the soldiers were overcome by the heat, and the regiment lost more men on the trip than from any other cause during its term of service. The regiment served in the lines at Vicksburg until after the surrender of the place. Immediately after that it was ordered to Helena, and took part in the advance on Little Rock and participated in its capture. From this time on the regiment was on duty in Arkansas until the close of the war. It took a prominent part in the battle of Clarendon and performed service at Duvall's Bluff, Benton, Hot Springs, Lewisburg, St. Charles, Darnanelle and Brownsville.

Except the siege of Vicksburg the regiment was not in any of the most noted battles, but nevertheless it performed well its part in putting down the rebellion and it suffered many privations and hardships, marching through swamps and bayous, guarding railroads, government property, fighting, foraging, as is proved by its long list of casualties.

The regiment was mustered out of service July 2, 1865 at Pine Bluff, Ark. and arrived at Camp Butler, Illinois, July 24, 1865, where it received final payment and discharge.

Paulus Horn of Mt. Pulaski, enlisted in Co. B, August 9. He was mustered in Sept. 17, 1862, and mustered out July 12, 1865.

PRACTICE BLACKOUT HERE IN 1943 WAS SUCCESSFUL

(July 29, 1943)

Mount Pulaski will participate in its first Blackout on Friday night of this week, when it joins with 652 other communities in the state in carrying out a statewide practice alert and blackout.

Chief Air Warden Ben W. Ely states that all arrangements for complete cooperation with the plans as laid down by the War Council of Defense, have been made, and Wardens assigned to the various districts.

The public is asked to give its full cooperation in the matter of the blackout and the following instructions should be followed in making the blackout a complete one.

Here is the schedule:

9:00 p.m. One blast of the fire siren will warn the public that an air raid is imminent. This is the yellow test.

9:15 Public is to start getting ready for complete blackout.

9:30 The Blue Test in which citizens are expected to start darkening their homes, and traffic is to move slowly without lights.

9:40 Two blasts will signalize the complete blackout of all business houses and residences. All traffic must now pull over to the curb and stop. This is the Red Test.

9:50 The Blue Signal will permit traffic to move slowly with lights dimmed.

10:00 One blast will signal that enemy planes have left the vicinity and all lights may again be turned on.

The Control Center will be located in the City Clerk's office where the control board will handle all details and direct the blackout of the city.

Note: The Blackout was a complete success and it gave one an eerie feeling.

272 YOUNG MEN REGISTERED HERE

(Oct. 17, 1940)

272 young men filed into the registration places in Mount Pulaski township yesterday and gave the data required by Uncle Sam, which will lead to their classification and being placed subject to call when the draft starts operating.

Harvey Robinson, residing on North Spring St., was the first to register at the Mount Pulaski grade school yesterday morning.

ROY BECKERS SHOT IN WORD WAR II WAS LIKE HIS CAGE SHOT

(Dec. 23, 1943)

Roy Beckers, Chief Gunner's Mate, U.S.N. and a graduate of M.P.T.H.S., Class of '33, has proven himself a real fighter in Uncle Sam's fighting forces. He is around 28 years of age, and has been in and out of the Navy for a number of years since graduation from high school.

His service in the Navy has proven a stumbling block to Tojo and his boys, and on one particular occasion it was Beckers' steel nerves that saved his life and those of his fellow sailors.

During an extremely damaging attack by PT boats on a Jap destroyer fleet in the Solomons, bad luck descended on Beckers' craft. In all directions lay burning Jap ships and the enemy had picked out the little speedboat in the glare of its searchlight. Knowing that a barrage would destroy them any minute if the light continued to operate, the skipper ordered a gob to fire at it. The machine gun chattered, but the light remained on until the guns were empty.

Cool-Headed In Action

The skipper yelled to Beckers to fire, but he calmly waited until his buddies' hair began to stand on end. At the last minute he fired and the light was no more. By this cool-headed action the PT escaped, and MPTHS, the Beckers family, and every American can be proud that we have such able men in our armed forces. Congratulations, Roy. MPTHS is beaming with pride for you, a great alumnus.

Note—Roy displayed the same cool-headedness in his basketball days at MPTHS. We remember the last second over half the court shot he made at Canton to win for the Hilltoppers. Canton remembers it, too, for they had it featured on the following year's program.

JUNIOR BERTONI TELLS OF BLACKOUTS IN CALIFORNIA

(Dec. 18, 1941)

Dear Mr. Lucas—

It's about time I'm writing isn't it? One letter every 10 months isn't a very good average.

You know those Chemistry and Physics classes of yours sure help me. Moments of inertia, force diagrams, speed and path of projectiles. They're all linked closely. But, I've yet to find a use in aeronautics for that agriculture class. You don't look at a plane and give it so many points like you do a Percheron.

About three or four months and school will end for me, but I guess learning never will end.

Forgive my writing, but I'm in a room with the shades drawn and green cellophane around the light bulb. Santa Monica is having a blackout tonight. It had one last night, too, and about 4 of us fellows were caught in it 14 blocks from home. The police made us park the car and walk. We were on Wilshire Boulevard and not a light could be seen except the searchlights coming from Douglas aircraft. It was so dark I walked into a lamp post.

All cars, or nearly all cars, have cellophane covering the headlights. It's an eerie sight. The blackout last night lasted 3½ hours. The Army says that an enemy plane was heard about L. A.

Mines Field, on which our school is situated is now a base for one of the Army pursuit squadrons. Every day 4 or 5 Curtiss P-40's come in from a patrol over the ocean. Anti-aircraft and machine guns are concealed all over the field.

All private planes have been grounded, and the Army has orders to shoot down the first one seen flying.

People are very, very calm and reserved, out here, and if it weren't for the blackouts and troop concentration, you could

never tell we are in a war. I still can't believe it. But if the draft age goes thru at 18, I'll believe it.

One more class session and my U.C.L.A. tool design course will

soon be finished. I've been taking a series of 5 tests and next Tuesday is my last. If my grades are high enough I'll be recommended for the 2nd course.

The Douglas B-19 (that new Army bomber, largest in the world) is now at our field. Has been for weeks. It's in for the 100 hour checkup.

Best regards to the Mrs., and former teacher.

A Former Student,
Junior Bertoni.

War Ration Books

During the World War II, all consumers or householders had to make a declaration as to what groceries, canned goods, etc., they had on hand. Also, number in family over 14 years of age. This had to be done in order to get a ration book in order to buy certain foodstuffs, like sugar, coffee, flour.

(June 29, 1944)

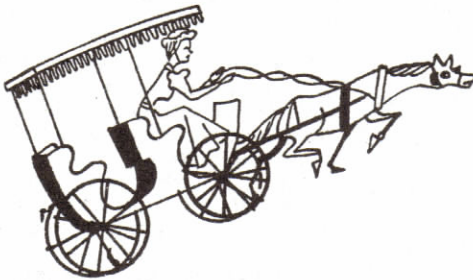
... Marriage is getting to be a rather strenuous job for service men in these hyar pawts, if the experience of Les Wernitz, a former high school band director here, is any criterion. As a climax to charivari that saw the groom pushing his wife, the former Audrey Meister, in a wheelbarrow around the square, the enthusiastic former pupils of the professor proceeded to dump him into the watering trough at the George Meister home... He says he still loves the girl despite all the difficulties he had to endure.

SEWERAGE SYSTEM CARRIED 604 to 165

Mount Pulaski voters in an extraordinarily heavy vote Tuesday, April 18, 1957, placed their approval on the sewerage proposal in an overwhelming manner. 604 votes were cast in favor, with 165 against, a \$429,000 sewerage system project.

TIMES HAVE CHANGED!

IN 1836...



IF you owned a buggy in the old days, you could ride in comparative comfort and get there a lot faster than by walking. A hundred-mile journey, which we think nothing of today, was quite an excursion in a buggy.

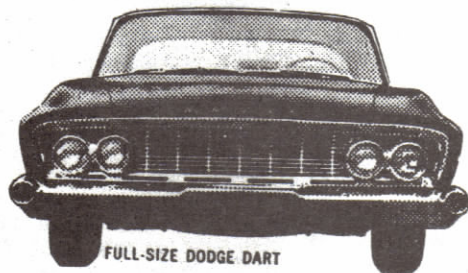
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