

Thursday, May 21, 1942

Contingent Leaves for Army Service Group Second To Leave This Month

Adams County sent another group of men to the United States Army through selective service this morning – the second contingent of the month and the last until June 18.

With Milo Habegger of Berne as their leader, the contingent, numbering approximately the same as the last few went by special ABC bus to Toledo, Ohio, for their final exams. Those who are successful in passing the exams were to be inducted later today. Those unsuccessful were to be returned.

A large crowd was present at draft board headquarters to witness the departure of the men and the short informal ceremonies. Rev. Carey R. Moser presented each man with a Gideon Bible and James K. Staley gave them a Legion book. Photos were taken just before they stepped aboard the bus.

Those who left are: 44, Willard Freeman Sprunger; 1971, Clarence Charles Lengerich; 1987 Claude Noble; S-2062, Roger Lee Sprunger; 2137, Delbert Garland Yoss; 2167, Charles Wilfred Morrison; 2186, Milo Habegger; S-2205, Robert Leon Meyer; 2261, John Charles Lengerich; 2283, Anthony Felix Murphy; 2315, Dale Amos Lautzenheiser; 2464, Donald Delbert Porter; 2373, Johnny Russell Jewel; 2375, Arthur C. Kiefer; S-2401, Robert Theodore Boch; 2411, Forest Frederick Mann; 2413, Raymond Clement Heimann; 2424, Felix Yoder; 2437, Roman Richard Raudebush; 2451, Loes Luther Lehman; 2463, Howard Otto Fedderke; 2486, Jerald Delaine Barger; 2505, Harold Bultemeier; 2507, Orville August Fritch; 2524, Earl Nevil; 1382, Robert Yake.

Monday, April 6, 1942

County Inducted Into Army on Saturday Raymond Beer of Berne Rejected; More Leave This Week

Twenty-seven Adams County men were inducted into the United States Army through selective service on Saturday. The contingent of 28 young men left Decatur by a chartered ABC bus early Saturday for Toledo, Ohio, the new induction center, but one of them, Raymond Beer, of Berne, was rejected and returned to his home here.

Mr. Beer was back at his regular position today as mail carrier on Berne rural route 1, a position he quit a week ago when he was ordered to report for army service. Clem Gottschalk, substitute carrier, covered the route the past week.

Beer was rejected after the entire group had undergone their final physical examination at the Toledo armory, the new induction center. He returned to Fort Wayne by bus. Mr. Beer had been chosen by the draft board to serve as leader of the group and was in charge of the contingent enroute. Beer was one of the three volunteers in the group. The other two were Isaac Blount and Robert Johnson. Eight of the men in the group were from the second registration, the balance all from the first.

The 27 who were accepted for army duty were as follows:

V. Robert Wayne Johnson; 976, Russell William Ramsey; S-1025, Herbert A. Boerger; 1980, Frederick William Schaadt; S-1984, James Russell Hart; S-1997, Wayne Chad Bodle; 2036, William Edward Noonan; 2050, Millard Max Aschliman; 2079, Edward Joseph Metzger; 2115, Claire James Sprunger; 2126, Earl Leroy Lautzenheiser; S-2127, Delbert Milton Hoffman; 2146, Cyril Robert Becker; 2182 William Andrew Biggs; 2188, Roy Jacob Cook; 2209 Erman Gerald Fogle; 2226, Lawrence Edison Morand; S-2231, Robert Vaughn Kenworthy; 2235, Bryce W. Burger; 2307, George Charles Hunter; V-2310, Robert Isaac Blount; 2359, Francis Edward Shell; S-2362, Vernon Leroy Krugh; 2421, Clarence Joseph Meyer; S-2440, Werner Stephan Stolp; 2448, William Hassel Judge.

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