

## Fred Knickerbocker chosen as substitute when a vacancy arose

Among the archives relating to Pine Plains' Fred Knickerbocker is his stunning May 18, 1898 letter to his parents saying, in part, "Please forgive me for going as I did without letting you know." We have found, through newspaper articles, that his enlistment happened at the last minute when he was called to fill an unexpected vacancy.

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**May 18, 1898.**

# ONLY ONE FLUNKER

IN THE FIFTEENTH COMPANY.


*Big Programme Arranged For His Departure From Camp To-Day.*

**A DISAGREEABLE REPORT**

### GETTING SUBSTITUTES.

Captain Sague and his clerk, Frank J. Horsfall, together with Captain Warring and Dr. J. Wilson Poucher, were at the armory Tuesday night until late getting men to take the places of those who were rejected. Those selected were as follows: John V. Muckenhoupt, blacksmith, age 23; Frank Ingraham, farmer, 21; Daniel W. Guernsey, student, 20; Jonathan Van Vlack, butler, 22; George Metzler, student, 26; James Myers, coachman, 21; Frederick Best, clerk, 20; James Dent, cook, 19; Fredrick Knickerbocker, farmer, 21; Peter J. Zentgraf, barber, 22; Walter H. Decker, boatman, 22.

These men were ordered by Captain Sague to report at the armory this morning at half-past seven o'clock prepared to join the Fifteenth at Camp Black. There were many men at the armory all eager to go to camp with the boys, but the captain did not have room for them all. Thomas Foster was one of the enthusiasts, but it was found



Poughkeepsie, N.Y. May 18 1898

Dear Mother and Father -  
Please  
forgive me for going as I  
did without letting you know.  
Do not worry  
about me for my company

# POUGHKEEPSIE'S ROLL OF HONOR.

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## The Fifteenth Separate Com- pany Leaves For San Fran- cisco To-Day.

ALL DAY WEDNESDAY THE POUGHKEEPSIE SOLDIER BOYS WERE BUSY PACKING AND PREPARING FOR THEIR LONG JOURNEY, WHICH STARTS THIS AFTERNOON AT 2:15 O'CLOCK—ALL THE SEPARATE COMPANIES WILL BE MOBILIZED AT GOVERNOR'S ISLAND THIS MORNING AND TAKEN TO JERSEY CITY THIS NOON—A FEW POUGHKEEPSIANS WILL GO TO JERSEY CITY TO SEE THEM OFF—EVERYBODY WISHES THEM GOD-SPEED AND A SAFE RETURN TO FRIENDS AND HOME.

The First Regiment, New York Volunteers, including the Fifteenth Separate Company, of this city, will leave Jersey City this afternoon for San Francisco, from which place they will go to Manila.

The route to be followed by the troops will be the Erie Road to Chicago, the Northwestern to Omaha, the Union Pacific to Ogden, and the Central Pacific to San Francisco. Rumors that the company was to go on the St. Paul to Santiago greatly disappointed the men, who had no relish for arriving at the front after all the hard fighting was over, and the news that the Eighth Ohio was to go instead created great satisfaction among the troops. The announcement made to the men that after all they would go to the Philippines was greeted with prolonged cheering. The men were busy all day Wednesday packing up and preparing for their long journey.

The whole regiment will be concentrated this morning on Governor's Island, and at noon will go aboard steamboats and be landed at the Erie station in Jersey City, where it will take the train at a quarter after two o'clock. The train will be divided in four sections, Pullman sleepers for the officers and buffet cars being attached to the first and third sections.

The train will not pass through this section of the country, but will give the Middletown and Binghamton boys a chance to bid good bye to their relatives in their own towns. A few Poughkeepsians will go to Jersey City to-day to see the troops depart. Everybody wishes the Poughkeepsie boys God-speed, success and victory, and a safe return home. The chances are that they will not leave San Francisco, as it is generally believed in official circles that the difficulties will be on the road to settlement before even San Francisco is reached.

The following is a complete list of the officers and men who will leave for the West:

### OFFICERS.

CAPTAIN JOHN K. SAGUE,  
SECOND LT. CLARENCE SAGUE,  
FIRST SGT. LUCIUS L. SLATER,  
THIRD SGT. SHELDON ST. JOHN,  
FIFTH SGT. WILFRED D. VIGNES,

FIRST LT. WILBER VOSSLER,  
Q. M. SGT. FRANCIS J. HORSFALL,  
SECOND SGT. FRED. HERMANC,  
FOURTH SGT. FRED. R. P. BOLDEN.

### CORPORALS.

FRANK J. HUNTER,  
OLIVER E. HEB,  
THEOS. G. ZARRISKIE,

GUY VAN WAGENEN,  
LUTHER S. WILLIAMS,  
WM. J. HOLMES,

### MUSICIANS.

CLARENCE MALCHER,

FRANK S. BISSELL,

### PRIVATES.

ARTIFICER, WALTER H. J. HOWE, WAGONER, COURTNEY TEATOR,  
HOWARD H. ABEEL,  
J. C. ALVEYSON,  
CLARENCE C. BAKER,  
FREDERICK BEST,  
LOUIS P. BOGARDUS,  
HAROLD BOOTH,  
FRANK G. BUNNELL,  
THOMAS BUTLER,  
CHARLES C. CAMPBELL,  
THOMAS V. CORBALLY,  
JOHN G. CURR,  
WM. C. DENNIS,  
HENRY D. DIETZ,  
WM. L. EIDLE,  
JOSEPH P. FARRAR,  
CHARLES G. FOWLER,  
ALLAN FROST,  
HENRY F. GOLDSMITH,  
DANIEL W. GUERNSEY, JR.,  
WM. HOP,  
JACOB L. HOOVER,  
WILLARD I. HUNT,  
STUART L. KIMLIN,  
FREDERICK KNICKERBOCKER,  
FRANCIS LOUGHRAN,  
CORNELIUS MARSHALL,  
RALPH D. MARTIN,  
WM. F. M'GEEEN,  
JACOB A. M'KEE,  
WM. H. MICHAELS,  
HERMAN MORSCHAUSER,  
EDWARD G. MULDOWNEY,  
ALFRED MYERS,  
GEORGE NUNNS,  
EDWARD QUINN,  
JOHN SADLER,  
GERARD W. SEELEY,  
HENRY G. SLATER,  
ADIN D. SOUTHWICK,  
WM. STUTT,  
GEO. W. TRILLER,  
JOHN VAN VLACK,  
FRED. WARDELL,  
ANDREW WRIGHT,  
PETER ZENTGRAF,

GEORGE R. ALLEN,  
WM. J. BAGLEY,  
ALBERT L. BALDWIN,  
JAMES W. BECK,  
THOMAS J. HERRY,  
BENJAMIN BOYCE,  
WM. L. BURNETT,  
FREDERICK BYINGTON,  
DANIEL CARROLL,  
EDWARD F. COBROVE,  
WALTER H. DECKER,  
JAMES DENT,  
EDWARD E. EDWARDS,  
RICHARD A. ELMENDORF,  
CHARLES E. FAUST,  
WM. C. PHIES,  
FREDERICK D. GRISARD,  
ROBERT G. GRAHAM,  
HARRY B. HAYT,  
JOEL I. HOLMES,  
WM. W. HOWELL,  
FRANK INGRAHAM,  
JOHN KING,  
DEGROVE LATTIN,  
TIMOTHY M. LOWERY,  
JAMES W. MARSHALL,  
WM. J. M'COY,  
WM. M'GLASSON,  
GEORGE METZLER,  
FREDERICK L. MITCHELL,  
JOSEPH V. MUCKENHOUFF,  
JAMES MYERS,  
CHAR. J. NEUWIRTH,  
WM. A. PERKINS,  
LOUIS P. REIDINGER,  
HENRY B. SCHMIDT,  
WM. L. SHURTER,  
JOHN A. SOBG,  
EUGENE STOCKHOLM,  
CHARLES S. TATOR,  
LOUIS D. VAN NOSDALL,  
CHARLES VOSSLER,  
WM. J. WILTSE,  
ROBERT WRIGHT,  
LEONARD J. EIDLE.

# CO. K. IS NO MORE.

## SOLDIERS MADE HAPPY.

*Mustered Out of the United States Service at Armory Wednesday Morning.*

MANY SPECTATORS GATHER AT THE ARMORY TO WITNESS THE MUSTERING OUT PROCEEDINGS—BETWEEN \$5,000 AND \$10,000 PAID THE POUGHKEEPSIE BOYS IN BLUE—THEY HAVE THEIR PICTURES TAKEN AND THEN QUIT THE SERVICE WITH ROUSING CHEERS.

Company K, First Regiment New York Volunteers is no more. The members of the company were officially mustered out of Uncle Sam's service at the state armory Wednesday morning in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. The boys were called to assemble at the armory at seven o'clock Friday morning, which they did, but at that time Paymaster Doyon had not arrived, and the boys were excused until half past eight o'clock. Before this time many spectators began to gather at the armory, and took seats in the gallery, prepared to witness the mustering out proceedings.

### THE MONEY ARRIVES.

Major M. R. Doyon, the paymaster, was in Utica Tuesday afternoon and evening paying off the members of Co. E, and did not arrive in this city until very late Wednesday morning. It was about eight o'clock when he came into the armory, and the boys cheered his arrival. Shortly after his appearance a messenger from the American Express Company entered the drill shed and turned over to Major Doyon a big package of bills. These the major took great care to secrete in his satchel, and then prepared the muster out roll. With the paymaster was his clerk, Capt. Hardin, of the Seventh Infantry, who mustered out the men, and Lieut. Sorley, of the Eighteenth Infantry.

Two large tables were set in the west end of the drill shed, and from these tables the paymaster and his clerk carried on their business. The company was lined up as it had been many times before when the boys marched to the paymaster's office. Capt. Vossler then called the name of each member of the company and the amount due him. Major Doyon had all the money before him. It was in bills of \$100, \$50, \$20, \$10, \$5, \$2, and \$1. Major Doyon paid the men in bills and the fractions of the dollars were paid by his clerk. The bills were all new and just what the men had been waiting for. At a smaller table near by was John Dale, who had

forwarded considerable money to the boys when they returned home. Every man who had borrowed money went to the next table and squared his account. In all Mr. Dale had forwarded about \$1,000 to the men, which was paid back with a small interest. The largest amount drawn by any one man was \$227.92, drawn by Private Arthur Bowne, who joined the company at San Francisco. Over \$80 of this amount was due him for transportation money. The other amounts varied from \$30 to over \$100. The officers of Company K will not receive their pay for a month or more. In the afternoon Major Doyon, Capt. Hardin and Lieut. Sorley went to Newburgh where they paid off the members of that company.

After all had been paid C. H. Gallup took a photograph of the company, and in the middle of the group was a large crayon of Private Frederick Wardell, deceased. There were only five members absent. Two are still at Honolulu, Privates Henry Goldsmith and Edward Edwards are ill, and Private Jacob Hooyer was out of town. After the photograph of the company was taken Major Sague said they were dismissed, and with a rousing cheer they left the armory, no more in the service.

The following are the names of the members of the company and the amounts they drew:

### SERGEANTS.

Francis J. Horsfall.....	\$123 11
Frederick Heermance.....	117 40
Sheldon St. John.....	110 18
Fred R. P. Bollen.....	112 06
W. D. Vignes.....	104 08

### CORPORALS.

Frank J. Hunter.....	99 67
Guy Van Wagenen.....	100 79
Olyve E. Her.....	123 46
Luther S. Williams.....	105 40
Thomas G. Zabriskie.....	96 91
Wm. A. Holmes.....	99 18
William S. Burnett.....	92 88
Allan Frost.....	106 66
Wm. C. Fries.....	101 09
Charles Vossler.....	122 97
Fred L. Mitchell.....	90 03

### MUSICIANS.

Frank L. Bissell.....	88 40
Clarence Malcher.....	89 49

### PRIVATEES.

Henry D. Dietz.....	110 51
Courtney Tosator.....	96 06
Howard H. Abeel.....	88 24
George R. Allen.....	43 81
Joseph C. Alverson.....	73 71
William J. Bagley.....	87 59
Clarence C. Baker.....	37 35
Albert L. Baldwin.....	73 08
James W. Beck.....	69 70
Thomas J. Beny.....	73 60
Fred Best.....	80 50
Louis P. Bogardus.....	73 35
Arthur J. Bowne.....	227 92
Benj. C. Boyce.....	88 43
Frank G. Bunnell.....	70 57
Thomas N. Butler.....	88 33
Fred Byington.....	77 59
Charles C. Campbell.....	90 45
David Carroll.....	59 54
Thomas V. Corbally.....	88 35
John Y. Carr.....	94 51
W. H. Decker.....	92 87
William C. Dennis.....	81 73
James Dent.....	131 78
William L. Eldie.....	74 63
L. J. Eldie.....	46 67
Richard A. Elmendorf.....	43 00
Joseph P. Farrier.....	90 51
Charles E. Faust.....	71 34

Henry F. Goldsmith.....	87 84
Robert G. Graham.....	88 82
Fred Grisard.....	81 56
D. W. Guernsey, Jr.....	86 94
Harry B. Hayt.....	97 84
William Hof.....	84 38
Joel O. Holmes.....	136 51
Walter H. J. Howe.....	41 42
William W. Howell.....	93 40
Willard J. Hunt.....	76 07
Frank Ingraham.....	78 06
Fred Knickerbocker.....	76 14
Stewart T. Kimlin.....	78 12
John J. King.....	74 17
Degrove Lattin.....	25 07
Fred X. Loughran.....	60 06
Timothy M. Lowery.....	66 10
Cornelius W. Marshall.....	44 45
J. W. Marshall.....	43 84
Ralph D. Martin.....	77 85
W. J. McCoy.....	59 33
W. F. McGeen.....	86 10
W. H. McGlasson.....	49 31
Jacob A. McKee.....	31 30
George Metzler.....	92 01
W. H. Michaels.....	163 00
Herman Morschauer.....	88 49
Joseph Muckenhoupt.....	63 10
Edward Muldowney.....	94 29
J. H. Myers.....	84 29
Alfred Myers.....	57 32
Charles J. Newirth.....	56 02
George Nunns.....	86 98
W. A. Perkins.....	88 98
Edward Quinn.....	83 79
Lewis ■ Reidinger.....	78 94
John Sadler.....	96 01
H. C. Schmidt.....	85 12
G. W. Seeley.....	69 40
William I. Shurter.....	85 78
Henry W. Slater.....	76 85
John A. Sorg.....	93 31
A. D. Southwick.....	96 97
Eugene Stockholm.....	81 83
William Stutt.....	87 78
Charles Tator.....	102 67
George W. Triller.....	93 33
L. L. Van Noodall.....	84 69
John Van Vlack.....	95 36
William J. Whitale.....	89 23
Andrew Wright.....	52 18
Robert J. Wright.....	52 18
Peter J. Zentgraf.....	83 74