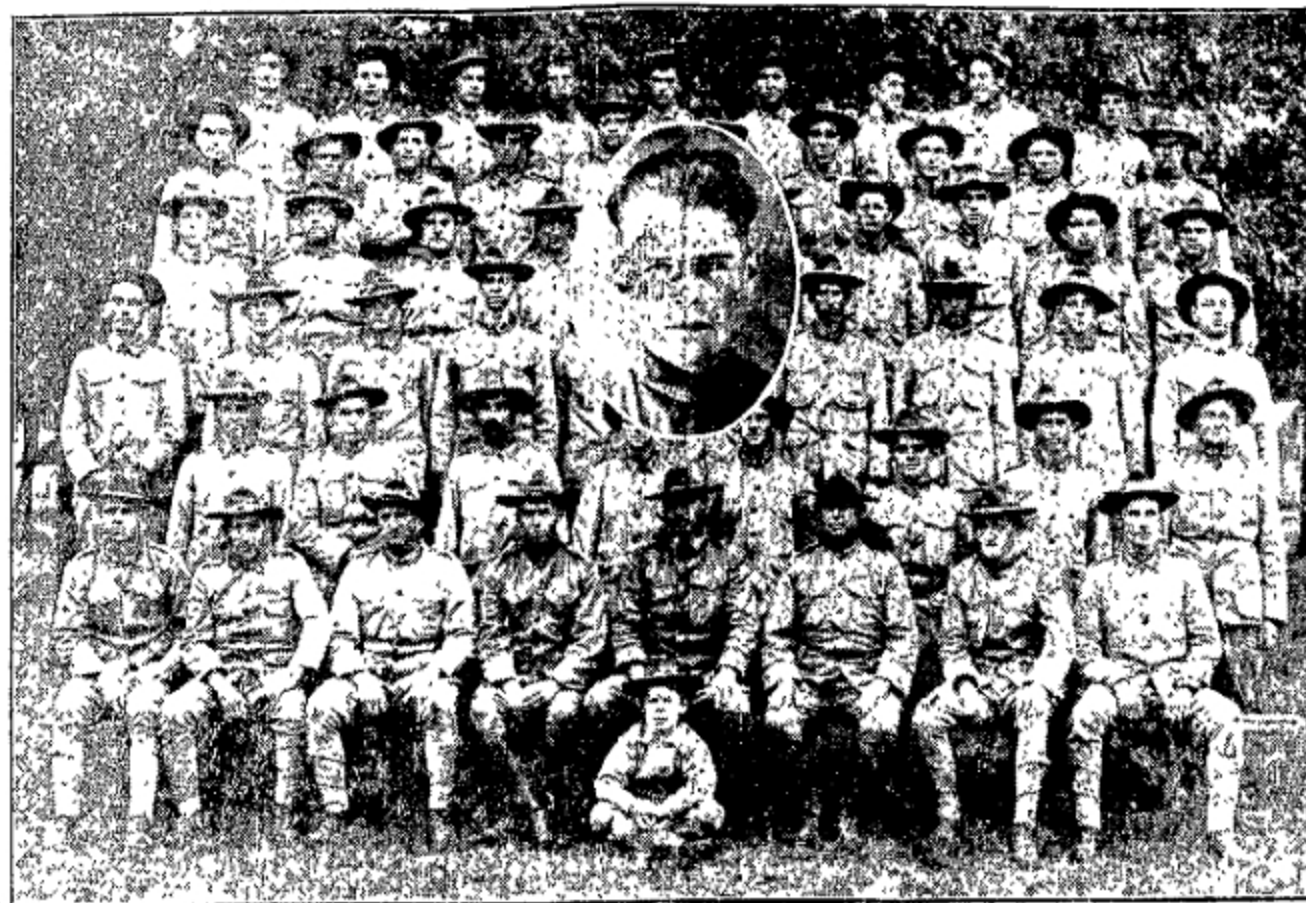


WALDO DONLEVY IS YOUNGEST SOLDIER IN ENTIRE GUARD

Falls Youth Became Interested in the Militia When Little More Than a Baby, Was Mascot For Major Zink and Company K of Beaver Dam When He Was Only 8 Years Old---Organized the Boy Scouts When His Parents Removed to the Falls, Purchased an Old Bugle and Learned to Play it Without Instruction and Joined Co. C When the Call Came Last June When Only 15 Years Old--Is Now Considered Best Bugler in Badger Brigade.

Waldo Donlevy, As He Appeared as Mascot for Co. K and As He Looks Today



Thomas H. Donlevy, superintendent of the Brickner Woolen Mills in Sheboygan Falls is proud of the fact that his two sons are serving with the militia on the Mexican border, and still prouder of the fact that his youngest son is the youngest soldier in the Wisconsin National Guard and it is believed is the youngest soldier with the entire guard of the country.

Waldo Donlevy, bugler of Company C, who is soon to be promoted to regimental bugler of the Second Wisconsin Infantry, is only 15 years of age, but it was the fact that he has had several years military training with the Wisconsin Guard that his parents permitted him to enlist when President Wilson issued the call for troops in June, and it was that experience that caused the mustering officers to permit him to enlist.

Young Donlevy was little more than a baby when his parents came to Wisconsin from the East, and located in Beaver Dam. Waldo immediately became thoroughly interested in Company K, Second Infantry, and spent so much time at the armory that he soon became a great favorite of the men as well as Capt. Bearder and Major Zink.

He never missed a drill and was such a bright, munter little fellow that the officers finally, with the consent of his parents, ordered full military clothing and equipment for him and at the age of 8 years he became the mascot for the crack Beaver Dam company and went with it to Camp Douglas every year. He became the pet of the Second regiment but was never spoiled by the men as he had learned from Capt. Bearder and Major Zink what discipline meant.

When his parents moved to Sheboygan Falls and Waldo, then 12 years old, found there was no militia company there he determined to have a company of his own and organized and drilled the Boy Scouts. He was a strict disciplinarian and made the Sheboygan Falls Scouts the equal of any similar company in the state.

About two years ago Waldo learned that there was an old bugle in town that he could purchase for \$2 and he soon saved his pennies and bought it. Then with no one to teach him, he mastered the bugle and the proudest day in his young life was when, at the age of 13, he was asked by the commander of the G. A. R. to act as bugler for the old soldiers on Memorial day.

the examination. The officer, little dreaming the mere boy could do either, said "Yes" and that evening Waldo returned with the written consent of his parents and although given a rigid physical examination passed it easily and was one of the first volunteers to be sworn in to the service as a member of Co. C.

When Company C's bugler failed to pass the examination at Camp Douglas and was given his discharge, Private Waldo Donlevy was immediately appointed musketeer and before the regiment left for Texas he was recognized as one of the best buglers in the entire guard. With the constant practice he improved so rapidly that he attracted the attention of the other musketeers as well as the officers in Camp Wilson and word has been received here that he is soon to be made chief bugler of the Second Infantry.

When the guard had been at Camp Douglas for a couple of weeks, Waldo's mother went down to see her son and during the week that she spent in Camp she became known as the "God Mother of the Wisconsin Troops," for she took needles, thread and buttons with her and spent most of her time mending the clothes for the soldier boys, or darning their socks and had the President asked for women to volunteer as nurses Mrs. Donlevy would have been one of the first to offer her services.

But Waldo Donlevy is not the only member of the family now on the border. His older brother, Frank, who held a position in Plymouth, Mass., paying him \$5,000 per year, enlisted as a private in the Plymouth regiment when the call came.

His father is in receipt of a copy of the Plymouth News, which publishes a letter from a member of Company D in which it tells of Private "Spink" (Frank) Donlevy capturing a deputy sheriff and his Mexican assistant while guarding a railroad bridge near "Rattlesnake Hill" out of Fort Hancock.

It was in the dead of night when Sergt. Duty was fired upon seemingly from an adobe hut. Private Donlevy and two others ran to his assistance and in searching for the one who fired the shot, Private Donlevy became separated from the rest of the party.

As he was picking his way back to camp he saw a man come out of a hut with a rifle. Donlevy hid behind a bush until the man passed and then "covered" him with his empty revolver, took his rifle from him and started to take him to the guardhouse. A moment later he met a Mexican with quite an arsenal attached to him, ordered him to "fall in" and marched both to the guardhouse where it was learned the first was a Texas deputy sheriff and the latter his assistant, but Private Donlevy was promoted to corporal for his bravery.