

DEPARTURE FROM CAMP CRANE OF 1800 MEN

Marched Down Street Abreast
of the Liberty Day Parade,
a Stirring Sight.

One of the biggest features of the day and synchronizing with the holding of the big forenoon parade was the departure of 800 troops from Camp Crane for Camp Merritt, from which embarkation point they expect to go overseas shortly.

Lt. Col. Snyder, the commandant, sent the men, who were in command of Major McLaughlin, down Hamilton street and the boys, a bunch of as fine Americans as ever was gotten together, marched down street abreast of the big parade.

They were in full marching order, and every foot of the way they received the greatest ovation. When it became known that they were going overseas the demonstration became all the more vociferous and hearty. The crowds tossed their flags to the boys and although they were carrying 90 pounds and perspiring under the effect of double quick marching, they grabbed the flags and waved them as they swung along with their heavy packs and great blanket rolls.

The troops went to the Lehigh Valley Station where two large passenger trains were in waiting for them. They left shortly after 11:30 a. m. and thousands of people, following them from up town, for the first time were able to witness large troop movement as practically all the other big movements have been made late at night and have been kept more or less secret.

It was the finest ovation that has yet been tendered a group of men departing from Camp Crane.