



“OVER THERE”

This old photo is labeled “Great War Vets”. It’s probably a holiday or maybe Veterans Day. They’re marching by the corner of 2nd Street.

The newspapers in Pentwater and throughout Oceana County had a surprise notice for young men on August 3, 1917. They had to appear at the courthouse for examination for military duty. The Hart Journal reported that the first quota of 93 men ages 21 to 31 was required to report the following Wednesday and the second quota was called up on October 11 for a total of 140 men. More were called up in 1918.

The call-up wasn’t a complete surprise though . . . the U. S. had finally entered the war raging in Europe and newspapers were full of war news, propaganda, patriotic opinion and political views.

The war began a couple years before in 1914 and the U. S. was divided about getting involved in “foreign



Over there, Over there,
Send the word, send the word over there
That the Yanks are coming,
the Yanks are coming
The drums rum-tumming everywhere.
So prepare, say a prayer,
Send the word, send the word to beware-
We’ll be over, we’re coming over,
An we won’t come back
till it’s over, over there.

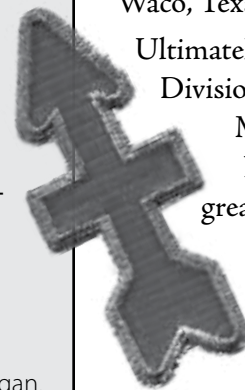
Sheet music from 1917 featuring sailor William J. Reilly of the USS Michigan.

wars” but upon entering the war, the populace was swung over to acceptance largely through relentless propaganda.

Slightly over half of the registering men from the county claimed exemption but none were made official until after the registration and examination. All of the new recruits first went to Camp Custer or Camp Grayling and then infantry training at Camp McArthur near Waco, Texas.

Ultimately, they were in the 32nd Division that was originally the Michigan and Wisconsin National Guard but was greatly expanded during the war when it became the “Red Arrow Division” with the red arrow as the division patch.

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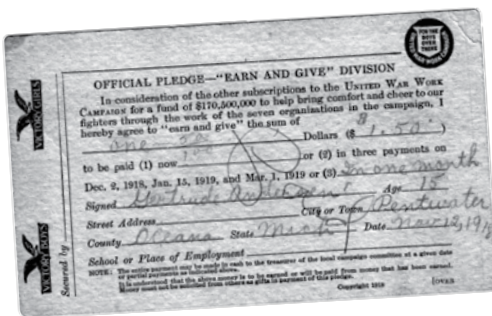


The French honored the outstanding contribution of the 32nd division to the war with the title of "Les Terribles". They did themselves proud in tough infantry combat in both WWI & II.



OVER HERE on the home front. . .

During the war civic organizations, churches and social clubs got involved in supporting "their boys". Broadcast radio was unavailable and people were urged to help the war effort mostly through local newspapers that received the news through the telegraph. War



Pledging to the "Earn and Give" Division was one of the many opportunities one was urged to give to the war effort. Pentwater's 15 year old Gertrude Anderson carefully filled out her pledge of \$1.50 on Nov. 12 1918.



Front covers of some of the most popular sheet music tunes that people sang and played during and after WWI.

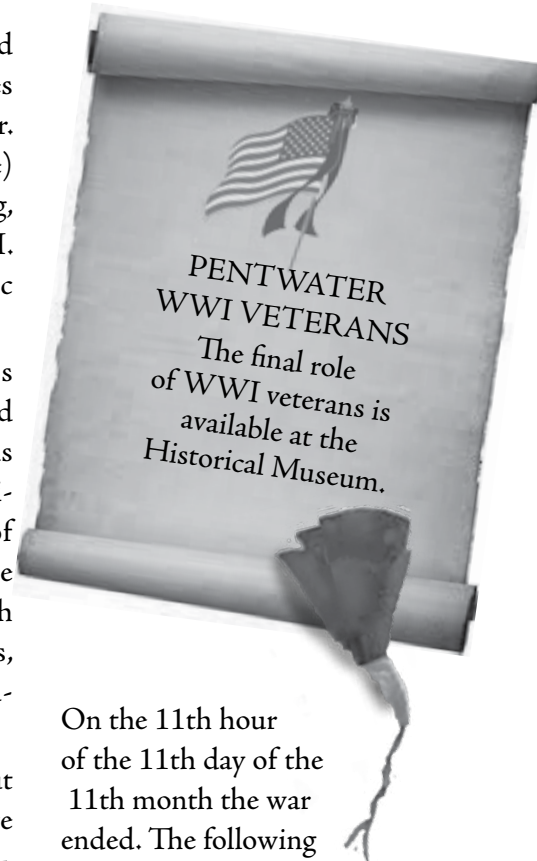
bonds were purchased and pledges were made to give funds to help the war. Theatres showed news clips and even Charlie Chaplin made a propaganda film showing Kaiser Wilhelm being beat up with a hammer bearing the inscription "War Bonds".

Sheet music from song writers and publishers with war related tunes were big hits and wildly popular. "Over There" (shown on front page) was a huge rallying marching song, that remained even during WWII. Others were humorous, nostalgic and romantic.

All wars share the fact of needless waste but even after 100 years and many conflicts since, WWI stands out for being a brutal war of attrition that largely was a stalemate of trench warfare. It claims the title of the first "mechanized war" with the introduction of machine guns, tanks, poison gas, airplanes, submarines and use of automobiles.

The recent PBS TV series about WWI noted that the war took place

well before modern medicine, such as penicillin, with the result of more troops dying from the unsanitary conditions on the front--here's where the world's worst flu epidemic got it's foothold--than from actual wounds.



On the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month the war ended. The following spring the blasted fields of conflict bloomed with red poppies.

Memories fade. No one is left who experienced those times but traveling in southern Michigan you'll be reminded by signs of the "Red Arrow Highway" (U. S. Route 12.) and local monuments listing boys who didn't come home and every Memorial Day at the Pentwater Post Office the VFW will remind you again of that far off conflict by offering you the red poppy symbol of remembrance.

NOTE: You'll be able to view the wonderful PBS three part series on WWI at the Historical Museum.

The Magic of Pentwater in Books

By Mary Barker, *Director, Pentwater Township Library*

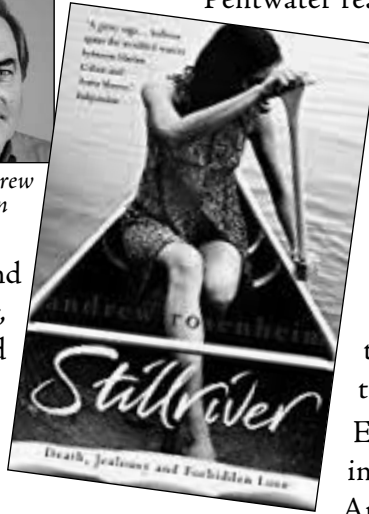
Pentwater does not have a huge promotional budget to bring people here, but when they do come they are inspired to come back. It is part of the magic of this shoreline community.

It is not surprising that Pentwater's magic has inspired artists and authors to tap into the spirit that is "Pentwater". Author Andrew Rosenheim and his Chicago-area family spent decades coming to Pentwater in the summer. Rosenheim later became an Oxford-educated Rhodes Scholar and an author of the page turning mystery, *Stillriver*, which is set in a waterfront community inspired by his favorite summer vacation spot.

Last year, when our Pentwater Library was chosen as one of five Michigan libraries by the Library Journal as a Star Library, Rosenheim



Author Andrew Rosenheim



sent us an e-mail congratulating us on the recognition from his home in England near his alma mater. After a pleasant e-mail exchange, he had his publisher send us a copy of *Accidental Agent*, his latest book, so it would be available to Pentwater readers. *Accidental Agent* is the spellbinding

conclusion to the Jimmy Nessheim Trilogy written by Rosenheim. Like many of his books, it is historical fiction and highly rated.

Even though the library is closed until our renovations are completed, Andrew Rosenheim's books are available through our online book collection and, of course, the print editions will be available when the library reopens at the end of May.

Experience what the magic of Pentwater has inspired by checking out an exciting book by Andrew Rosenheim!

PLEASE JOIN THE

**THE PENTWATER
HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

ON THEIR

4TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, MAY 27, 2017

DOORS OPEN

FROM NOON TILL 3 P.M.

*On the museum grounds we will be serving
coffee, cake, and cookies!*

PHS MEMBERS HELP WANTED

Would you like to write Pentwater's history?

**Not as a dashing legendary character, but
to actually write our history; as in research,
photograph, organize, and compose.**

If you can operate a computer, capture a picture, write a few paragraphs, research historical events in our community, and work with a team, then this project is for you!

It is time to add the next 75-year segment to Florence Schrupf's Pentwater history book. The current book details the years 1853-1942 by giving historical accounts, facts and photographs.

The Oceana Herald Journal published the original Florence Schrupf Pentwater History Book in 1944. A second printing of 2000 copies was published in 1993. This popular work is still available. Andrew Skinner, editor of the Oceana Herald Journal has graciously consented to provide both working space and access to archive materials to us in order to develop the continuing written history of Pentwater.

There is no better way to become immersed in Pentwater history than by helping the Pentwater Historical Society to enlighten current and future generations.

If you would like to take part in this PHS project, please contact the society through our Website at:

www.pentwaterhistoricalsociety.org

OR

Email: info@historicalsociety.org

OR

You can also contact Ed Bigelow: Museum Director at:

c.bigelow@yahoo.com or 231-869-8631

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THE PENTWATER HISTORICAL HOME TOUR BOOK

NOW AVAILABLE!



ONLY \$10.00 PLUS \$3.00 if shipped



With spring here and summer just around the corner there is no better time to dig those walking shoes out of the back of your closet, lace them up, and get outside! Bring along your copy of the Historical Walking Tour and not only will you have your walk mapped out for you, but you will also get a look behind the closed doors of your neighbors of the past. This book will clue you in on the history of many of the old venerable homes in the village or let you in on the unknown-till now-story that a particular house holds. You'll find out where a fire, which wiped out the entire town, began, or you could be visiting a home where a stranger was given shelter and medical care only to begin a smallpox outbreak which would kill many people. 54 pages of homes, lots of color photos, old photos of some buildings now long gone plus, a handy map that lays out three different walking or driving tours in the village. **Pick up your copy at the Museum or at the Spring Dinner** or order it on line at: pentwaterhistoricalsociety.org

The Pentwater Historical Society

2017 Spring Dinner

Entertainment by Singer & Storyteller!

LEE MURDOCK

On Wednesday, May 24, 2017

At the V. F. W. Hall,
8440 N. U. S. Hwy 31, Pentwater, MI

Tickets \$17.50

Purchase tickets from:

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5:30 p.m. Appetizers & Drinks
6:00 p.m. LEE MURDOCK
7:00 p.m. Dinner is Served



Dinner Includes:
Appetizers,
Salad, Rolls & Butter
Orange Chicken,
BBQ Ribs,
Corn, Baked Potato
with Sour Cream &
Butter,
Desserts & Coffee

Bring your own Beverage!

50/50 Raffle
6 tickets \$5

What's Happ'n in the Village.

See something going on in the Village that you believe should be documented?

Grab your camera, take a photo and send it with a brief description of what's going on to the Pentwater Historical Society at:

info@pentwaterhistoricalsociety.org



The Baptist Church completed their new building for the food pantry and garage.



The Easter Bunny helped out at the egg hunt to make a fun day for lots of Pentwater kids and grown-ups too!

The Historic Gustafson Building is undergoing a facelift of repairing damaged and loose bricks



Pentwater Boy Scout Troop 1145 held their 6th Annual Food Pantry Collection Day on the village green.



Spring is here! The U. S. Coast Guard Station boat was spotted visiting Pentwater harbor for the first time this year.



Norm and Ronda Shotwell's home at 1st and Ellery streets underwent renovation and expansion.



The Pentwater Historical Society
presents

Flippin', Flyin', Catchin', Pancakes!

ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!

By Chris Cakes & Co

Sunday, June 25, 2017

85 Rutledge St.

(in case of RAIN - we'll see you at the Friendship Center!!)

9 a.m. to Noon

Breakfast Includes:

Pancakes

(All you can EAT!)

plus

Sausage &
Orange Juice

**Add your own
TOPPINGS!**

**Blueberries, Chocolate
Chips, Pecans & Whip
Cream!**



Purchase Tickets

NOW:

Adults: \$8

Children: \$5

AT THE DOOR:

Adults: \$9

Children: \$6

(under 2 FREE!)

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Museum Receives Donated Items



Cream and sugar bowls from the Nickerson Inn.

Linda Fekken donated this Eldridge Coal Company sewing kit and liberty steel knitting needles



Water color flower art painted by local artist Bessie Helstrom



Display cabinet with glass figurines on loan from the library.



A sextant-Circa 1918 from the National Physical Laboratory. Donated by Dick Warner.



Marine barometer from the 60's. Donated by Stuart Hartger.



Roper's Engineering Hand Book Donated by Cheri Wells

SEE THE PUMPED STORAGE DISPLAY AT THE MUSEUM



An aerial view of the pumped storage today.



And a "before" view from the waterline of the "Kings Canyon" site where the pumped storage facility was built on the high dunes.

The biggest engineering project in our area is the Pumped Storage facility just north of Pentwater. Throughout the summer the museum is featuring a display by Consumers Power.

Find out just what happens up there on top of that big hill (that used to be Kings Canyon) and how they built that big lake on top of a sand dune. It's one of the most unique power plants in the world.

OPENING SATURDAY, MAY 27.

MUSEUM SPRING REPORT FALL 2017

By Ed Bigelow, PHS Museum Director

The Pentwater Historical Society took advantage of the Pentwater Township Library's renovation project by purchasing furniture and equipment items that they replaced. Our



Conference table and chairs from the Pentwater Township Library.

conference room now has a great table and comfortable chairs for use by the society or other groups needing space for meetings, research or conferences. In addition, cabinets and shelving units from the library have been installed in the lower level conference room. The purchase included two much needed

filing cabinets for the storage of flat paper documents, pictures and general written material. One has been placed in the balcony area and the other on the lower level. Thanks to the generosity of a member, we also purchased rolling office chairs for the research area in the balcony.

The board approved spending \$4,800 to purchase a Mini-Split system to heat or cool the balcony area. This area is



Compressor for the Mini-Split system outside the museum.

now usable any time of the year by our members and visitors. The board also approved and has spent \$5,000 with

Ruggles and Son Masonry Company to repair and replace all damaged or



Cleaning out old mortar and tuck-pointing foundation.

missing masonry on the building. This repair work now makes our building safe from water damage and entry of insects for many years to come.

Curator and President, Dick Warner is "refreshing the Museum displays" for the coming season. On Friday May 12, members and friends participated, from nine to Noon, in a "Spring Clean Up Day" project. A big thank you to the Pentwater High School students who assisted in the project as part of their "Annual Community Pride Day" Service.

MUSEUM IMMERSION By Mike Castor

The Executive Board has approved hosting an Immersion program in 2018. You ask, "What is an Immersion Program"? Immersion programs, in association with a museum, are programs for school-aged children to have an in-depth learning experience in a museum.

Such a program was used at the Lowell Area Historical Museum in Lowell Michigan. The Historical Society of Michigan covered this event in their Chronicle magazine in Spring 2016. The article is on our website to provide additional information. pentwaterhistoricalsociety.org We are in the early planning stages to develop our version of this program. Pentwater Schools' third grade

teacher, Lucy Macher is enthusiastic to have her 2018 class be the first participating group.

Our next step is to find a knowledgeable PHS member to serve as a Co-Chair with Lucy. We also need 15 to 18 members to volunteer as hosts when the students visit next spring. Knowledgeable museum docents would be most appreciated, but love of children is more important. If you are interested in helping the children while enjoying a new experience, please read the article on the website and send your interest in an email to the Society (info@pentwaterhistoricalsociety.org). In preparation, become a docent at the museum this year by contacting Amy LaBarge. phsmuseumvolunteers@gmail.com

Your History Coming Alive

By Dick Warner

This summer when you are visiting beautiful and laid back Pentwater, please take some time to visit your recently reconfigured museum.

Thanks to very generous members, we have accumulated many new artifacts that will be displayed this summer for all to enjoy.

The museum is in a constant state of change and improvement as new artifacts and written histories come through our doors. Displays are carefully arranged so that you will have a wonderful enlightening experience every time you visit!

Your museum will always be what you make it. The more you are willing to donate or loan to the museum, the more we can tangibly share the History of Pentwater with others.

The museum is about more than just walking around and looking from a distance. Many items are available for you to feel and even smell if you would like to! We are here to make things come alive and welcome your questions.

This year will be an exciting year as we will celebrate our Fourth Anniversary on Saturday May 27th and celebrate Pentwater's Sesquicentennial! We invite you to join us on the 27th to tour the museum and would love to have you sign up to be a host for your museum this summer.



The Pentwater Historical Society
will participate in this year's
Annual Garage Sale
on Saturday, June 10, 2017!
We will be selling postcards and
other historical memorabilia.

If you have a few household items
that you would like to donate for the
ANNUAL GARAGE SALE
please

**Drop it off on Friday, June 9, 2017
between 9 a.m. & Noon
at 54 S. Rutledge
OR**

Contact Deb Deward (869-2230) or Ed Bigelow (869-8631)
to make other arrangements

Donation receipts available upon request!

Breaking News! The AmazonSmile Program can help your favorite Charity!

The Pentwater Historical Society is now an officially recognized recipient for charitable donations by the AmazonSmile program.

And you say “What is AmazonSmile and why should I care”. Well, read on.

What is AmazonSmile?

AmazonSmile is a simple and automatic way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. When you shop at AmazonSmile, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as you have at Amazon, with the added bonus that Amazon will donate a portion of the purchase price to your favorite charitable organization. You can choose from nearly one million organizations to support.

How do I shop at AmazonSmile?

To shop at AmazonSmile simply type in smile.amazon.com on your computer or mobile device. The site will direct you in how to pick your favorite charity (Pentwater Historical Society) and then you will be able to shop as you normally would. You may also want to add a bookmark to make it even easier to return to AmazonSmile. Be aware that even after you sign up for a charity on AmazonSmile you must return to smile.amazon.com each time to donate. Amazon.com is a separate site and will not donate to your charity.

Which products on AmazonSmile are eligible for charitable donations?

Tens of millions of products on AmazonSmile are eligible for donations. You will see eligible products marked “Eligible for AmazonSmile donation” on their product detail pages. Recurring Subscribe-and-Save purchases and subscription renewals are not currently eligible.

Can I use my existing Amazon.com account on Amazon Smile?

Yes, you use the same account on Amazon.com and AmazonSmile. Your shopping cart, Wish List, wedding or baby registry, and other account settings are also the same.

How do I select a charitable organization to support when shopping on AmazonSmile?

On your first visit to AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com), you need to select a charitable organization to receive donations

from eligible purchases before you begin shopping. The site will remember your selection, and then every eligible purchase you make at smile.amazon.com will result in a donation.

Can I change my charity?

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Membership dues for 2017 are due.

If you see “16” following your name on the mailing label it is time to renew your membership. The dues amounts are shown on the Membership Application Form on the last page of the newsletter.

Please send your check to:

Pentwater Historical Society
PO Box 54, Pentwater, MI 49449

DATELINE DOWNTOWN PENTWATER

For as long as I can remember I have been squirreling away notes about the downtown

area of our town. Now is the time to dig out these notes and put them together for an article.

If you live anywhere near the downtown area have you ever wondered what was at a street corner a zillion years ago? Yes, I have done this countless times in the 22+ years we have lived here. Now is the time I took pen to paper, or in my case quill to parchment, but first I will have to make some ink.

Since Hancock is the main street of our town, I decided to take a walk down Hancock and roll the clock back about 130 years. Come with me for this joyous ride in my time machine. I will stay west of Wythe because everyone knows the only thing east of Wythe is lions, tigers, and bears.

Now remember, where Sixth Street is today once was First Street back in the 1870's. Back then, turning the corner where Snug Harbor Marina is today, and you would find yourself on First Street. Oceana County Bank was near Third and Hancock.

Duvall, manufacturers of fine boots and shoes, was on Hancock at Third. H. J. Nelson, the boot maker, was on Hancock near Third. W. Brown and Company, manufacturer and seller of dry goods, can be visited on Hancock and Fourth. F.O. Gardner, Pacific House Livery Stables, were on Fourth and Hancock. James Roddy Livery was found on Carroll Street near Fifth. I. N. Lewis, Pentwater Planning Mill, was at Wythe and Second. J. H. Harrington, M.D., Homeopathic Physician and Accoucheur, - I had to go to the dictionary to find what an accoucheur was, an assistant in childbirth - I thought a midwife did that? Oh well!

Wm. Docery, physician, saw patients on Fourth and Carroll. I could go on for the rest of this newsletter with where business were near Hancock Street, but that's enough for now.

In this time period there were five Architects and Builders in the village. Attorneys, four. Blacksmiths, two. Milliners, two. Someday I will go north of where the post office is today and see what's out there.

Yes, I have more on the fight between the saloon owners and the various temperance leagues but that's for another time. As always, Cheers!

Domestic Help From Your Friends At The Pentwater Historical Society.

The skin of a boiled potato placed upon a corn and left on the corn overnight is said to dissolve it.

TO TAKE INK OUT OF LINEN: Immerse the part that has ink on it in boiling hot tallow; when cool wash it out in soapsuds and water and the linen will be as white as ever.

TO WASH FLOOR CLOTHS: Wash in clear warm water, then go over them with a wash of an egg well beaten and mixed with a pint of clear warm water. This will give them a newness that will be quite lasting.

TO MAKE LETTUCE SALAD: Most house keepers use vinegar and sugar, or vinegar and meat gravy for lettuce but sour cream from clabbered milk and sugar added after lettuce has been cut up fine makes a most delicious and healthy salad. (Don't ask me what 'clabbered' milk is. I have no idea. I can't find any reference to 'clabbered' milk.)

TO MAKE DOMESTIC HAIR RENEWER: Steep a handful of sage in a pint of hot water. When cold strain it, add a tablespoon of salt, one gill of bay rum or other spirits. Bottle and cork closely. If a very dark shade is required put a few rusty nails in the bottle while it is steeping. This not only promotes the growth of hair, prevents it from coming out, but restores the color.

TO MAKE HOMEOPATHIC PUDDING: Take a basin or any earthenware mold, the size you wish, you need not grease or flour it. Line it entirely with thin slices of crumb bread, sweeten and boil tender any garden fruit, and when fast boiling pour it into the bread. Immediately put a layer of crumb over the top and quickly cover it with a plate, so as to shut in the steam. When quite cold this will turn out a fine pudding the shape of the mold used, and saturate with the juice of the fruit used. A little loaf sugar may be thrown over the top. This pudding is quite suitable for those invalids who may eat fruit but not pastry.

I have been doing this column for a zillion years and I still enjoy the sentence structure and the amount of comma's they used 140+ years ago.

As always, Cheers Again!

USE THIS FORM TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE PENTWATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: •Patron \$500* •Life \$250* •Sustaining \$50*
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The Pentwater civic band is 69 years old but Pentwater bands go much further back in time!



Very early in 1900's this jaunty group of Pentwater musicians were playing on the upper deck of the steamship E. B. Maxwell.

A group of ladies mostly from Pentwater had there own band.

L to R are:
Jessie Maxwell,
Angell Ambler,
Unknown,
Loa Slayton,
Pearl Frambe
and Bird
Chapman.



The Pentwater Band posed for their portrait on July 4, 1925 in front of Bowmans Ice Cream Parlor. The building was just to the south of the present day Kite Shop. Band members are named on the back of the photo.



Another view in the 20's of the Pentwater band. That's the awning of the Maxwell Hardware Store in the present day Gustafson building on the right.



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July 4, 1894, the Arion Band from Pentwater donned their snappy uniforms, probably took part in a parade and concert, and got their picture taken.