

## Peekskill Training Camp Letter

May 31, 1917.

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Under the new state preparedness laws provision was made for a state military training camp for boys from sixteen to nineteen years of age all during the summer months. The first contingent of 5,000 boys from up-state has been selected from thousands of applications and the list has been approved by the State Military Training Commission. The camp will be an infantry school and the state will supply tents, blankets, cots, arms, equipment, ammunition, food and railroad fare, but this year the boys will be required to furnish their own uniforms.

The boys selected for the first section of the New York State Cadet Corps from places in this vicinity follow:

Peekskill - Timothy Carroll, F. H. Jenkins, Stephen W. Wheeler, William Webster, John Harper.

During the First World War, it was soon realized that the United States Army needed to train and enlist more soldiers. At times, this meant preparing boys not yet of enlisting age for military service. As seen in this letter, one such facility was established in Peekskill, New York. Here, boys between the ages of sixteen and nineteen would spend the summer learning infantry skills from camping to shooting.

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