

Parades Continued: Flag Day 1917

P.S.1 Manhattan
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FLAG DAY 1917
A never-to-be-forgotten day for the Kindergarten and first year pupils of P.S.1 Manhattan!
THEIR FIRST PARADE !
Even the sun beamed as the 400 happy children marched proudly down the school steps to the side walk. The drummer"boy"headed the procession & huge brown fur muff on her head, held in place by a red band under her chin. Her drum was beaten in perfect time.
"GIGGLE SAM", the tallest girl, was accompanied by "LIBERTY" on one side and a dainty little RED CROSS nurse on the other.
Three American Indians, fine in war paint (colored chalk) and feathered head dress(made by the children themselves) followed with dignity.
The nine divisions were all dressed in white. Each division wore either red ,white or blue ribbons. Some classes had epaulettes and others sashes of our national colors.
The line of march was thru the neighborhood streets, circling the school block twice. The children sang simple patriotic airs as they marched.
In front of the school, the parade came to a halt and at a signal it faced the entrance, where stood members of the school staff. SS pupils held aloft the national flags at the head of the school steps.
Every one saluted the flag and even the un-lockers joined in singing "AMERICA".
So ended a happy experience for these little people, and in days to come they may tell of "Mother's First Parade".

A letter describing a student parade, in honor of Flag Day, held at Public School 1 of Manhattan in 1917.

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