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Dogs of War

Just after Pearl Harbor, the country was canvassed for dogs for the army.

[Note that the Republican only ran one item about the "Dogs of War".]

Canine Recruits Sought for Army

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San Pedro, Calif., Dec. 19 (P)—Col. W. W. Hicks, commander of Los Angeles harbor defenses, issued a call today for canine recruits.

Hicks said the dogs could be of all sizes or breeds, but must be in good health and sufficiently intelligent to pass the canine equivalent of the Stanford Universal achievement test.

Nature of their duties is a military secret. In the last war, they were used at the front to carry messages.

Logansport (IN) Press Dec 20 1941: 1. Microfilm.

'Laf-A-Day'



Logansport (IN) Pharos-Tribune Jan 8 1943: 4. Microfilm.

'War Dogs' Recruited in County

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"War Dogs" Recruited in County

Local Committee Is Appointed to Mobilize Dogs for Use in Armed Services.

"Enlistments" are now open in Cass and adjoining counties for Dogs for Defense, Inc., it was announced today by Frank J. Ward, of Indianapolis, state director, who Monday named a local committee and completed arrangements for Logansport to be a procurement station for suitable dogs for service in the United States armed forces.

One dog owner in Logansport already has volunteered the services of his dog to serve with Dogs For Defense, according to Mr. Ward, who announced that the local committee in charge of "recruiting" dogs will be O. W. Macy, William Studebaker and Dr. Silas Gaynor.

More than 290,000 dogs are needed for war work with the armed forces and recruiting of the animals is taking place throughout the country. Hope was expressed that enough animals will be donated in Logansport and vicinity for a shipment from here in the near future. Ten dogs were sent from Lafayette and seven from Rensselaer a short time ago.

Stress Value of Dogs

It is estimated that one soldier and one dog are more efficient than six men without a dog on guard duty, only one of the important tasks for which the dogs are trained. Other dogs will be used as ammunition and medical supply carriers and to search for wounded soldiers.

Germany alone is using in excess of 100,000 dogs for this work, while Russia is said to be employing more than 50,000 dogs. England also is using dogs in desert warfare.

Only special breeds of dogs are accepted into the "service" because of the necessary training each dog must undergo. Mr.

Ward announced. The desirable breeds are German Shepherd, Doberman, Boxer, Dalmatian, Collie, Great Dane and Schnauzer, or any mixed breeds of these dogs. The aggressive nature of this type of animal makes them particularly effective.

Requirements

The dogs should be more than 20 inches high at the shoulder and weigh more than 50 pounds if they are to be used by Dogs For Defense. All long-coated dogs will be sent to Fort Robinson, Neb., while the shorter coated animals will be shipped to Front Royal, Va., for preliminary training.

The basic training in the Dogs For Defense army consists of a seven to nine weeks period in which the dogs will be trained two hours daily toward the duty for which they are best fitted.

Any dog owner in Logansport and vicinity who is the owner of such a dog and is willing to contribute the animal to Dogs For Defense is requested to get in touch with any member of the local committee. Application blanks for the animals will be distributed and a competent veterinarian will inspect the dog to determine if the animal is qualified for service.

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Select First 'War Dog' in Cass County

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Doberman-Pinschers Owned by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Horney Will Be Trained for Army Duty.

"Adda," three-year-old female Doberman-Pinscher, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Horney, 1600 Douglass street, today had the distinction of being the first dog accepted in the local "Dogs for Defense" drive.

The dog donated by Mr. and Mrs. Horney, registered with the American kennel club, is the first of between 25 and 30 canines to be selected in regional district four, which includes Cass and neighboring counties.

"Adda" was accepted by the local committee in charge, consisting of Wendell Macy, William Studebaker, and Dr. Silas Gaynor.

It is estimated that one soldier and one dog are more efficient than six men without a dog on guard duty, only one of the important tasks for which the dogs are trained. Dogs will be used as ammunition and medical supply carriers and to search for wounded soldiers.

Dog owners may contact any member of the committee if they desire to donate a dog for war service. Those accepted will be shipped from here to Front Royal, Va., in the next two weeks.

The animals must be at least a year old, measure 20 inches at the shoulders and weigh fifty pounds.

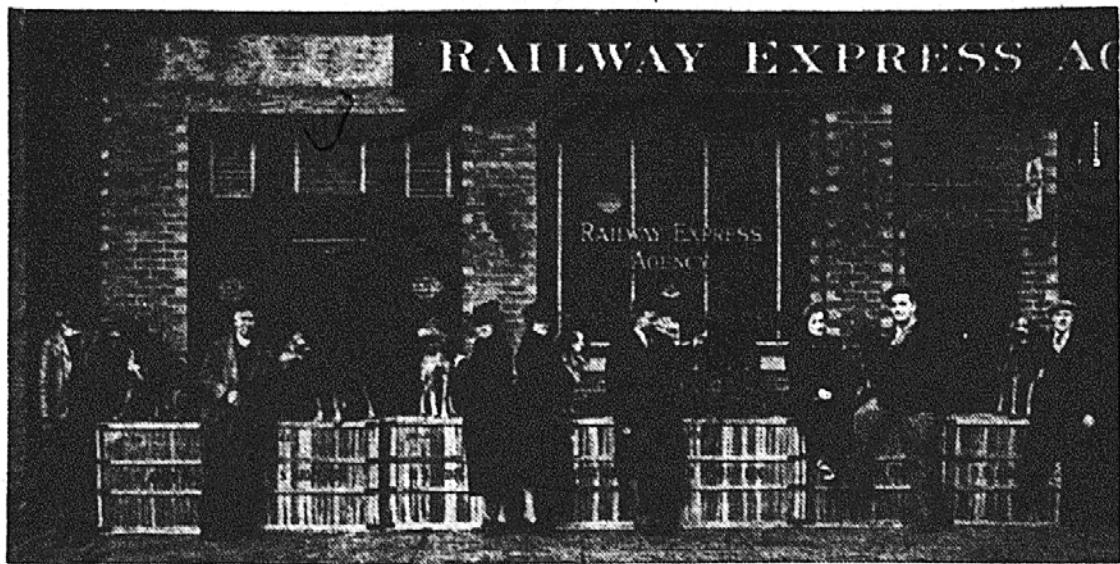
Types desired are: Doberman Pinschers, German shepherds, collies, greyhounds, Irish wolfhounds, Belgian shepherds, Great Danes, Boxers, Old English Sheep Dogs, Airdale terriers, St. Bernards, Schnauzers, or a mixture of these breeds.

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Citizens Send their Dogs to War

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—Photo by Harrington.

Pictured above is Cass county's first contingent of Dogs for Defense, on the crates in which they were shipped to training centers in Virginia and Nebraska.

The owners and dogs, from left to right, are: Theodore Fultz, R. R. 1, Royal Centre and his dog, "Mike" part police, part hound; Frank Benjamin, R. R. 1, Monticello, and his English Shepherd, "Skippy"; Mrs. Caleb Van Meter, 746 South Main street, Monticello and her English Shepherd-Collie, "Fannie"; Mrs. John F. Swenson, 1003 High street, with a Collie, "Slim"; Howard Horney, 1600 Douglass street, with "Adda," a Doberman Pinscher; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bingaman, 118 Ninth street, with "Kurt," also a Doberman Pinscher and Charles Siracusa, 306 North street, with his German police dog, "Fritz."

Logansport (IN) Pharos-Tribune Feb 25 1943: 1. Microfilm.

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'And Release the BattleCats!'

Seek Enlistment
of 'Dogs for War'
in Pulaski County

Ten war dog volunteers from Pulaski county are wanted at once by the war department. Owners having dogs who meet the requirements are asked to list their pets with Herbert Hoch of Winamac, who has been named county director for the procurement of dogs. These will be shipped to Fort Robinson, Nebr., where dogs from the middle west are now being trained for war service, and others will be sent there as they are received.

Many uses have been found for dogs in war, the most important of which are patrol duty at night,

to seek wounded soldiers on battle fields, carry medical supplies, lead scouting parties and lay wire. Every mile of the U. S. coastline is now being patroled by a Coast Guardsman and his dog.

The favored canine for war work is the farm type shepherd and collie, with German shepherds, airedales, Belgian shepherds, Doberman pinchers, retrievers and English spaniels also approved. Other dogs, suitable in size and temperament are acceptable. To be eligible for training a dog must be between the ages of one and five years, at least twenty inches tall at the shoulders, with minimum weight of twenty pounds. The animal must not be shy nor afraid of people or noises. Hounds or chows are not wanted.

Upon enlistment the dog becomes the property of the United States government, but he will be returned to the owner if available at the close of the war. A few of the more adept animals may be retained to propagate the breed. If the animal does not respond to the specialized training it will be returned to its owner at once.

Dogs for Defense

Local People Volunteer
Eight Dogs for Defense

Herbert Hoch, county director of procurement of dogs for defense, has eight volunteer dogs for service, and is awaiting the arrival of crates to ship them in to their training quarters. Most of the volunteer WAGS are of the collie and shepherd breeds. Owners, one of whom has volunteered two dogs, are: John Underwood, Ed Hahn, Pat Gellinger, the Rev. R. W. Crosby, George Burkett, Harmon Henry and Herbert Zeider.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Apr 1 1943: 3. Microfilm.

Quackenbush Named Fulton Representative
of Dogs for Defense

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C. M. Quackenbush, president of the Rochester chapter of the Izaak Walton league, has been appointed Fulton county representative of the "Dogs for Defense committee" by O. Wendell Macy, of this city, a member of the Logansport committee in charge of the procurement of dogs for the war.

The dogs accepted are being trained for guard duty either along the boundaries of the United States or in the battle zones.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat May 6 1943: 1. Microfilm.

Logansport (IN) Pharos-Tribune Apr 17 1943: 6. Microfilm.

Local dogs accepted

Six Pulaski County Dogs Accepted for War Duty

Herbert Hoch of Winamac, chairman for Pulaski county in charge of collection of dogs for war service, announces that there is still need for several dogs. Six have been accepted for service so far, but many that were offered were disqualified.

Shepherds, collies, police or bird dogs of either sex are preferred. They must weigh at least fifty pounds, be twenty inches from top of shoulder to ground, from one to five years old, and must not be shy, as a bold disposition is necessary in the work which they are to do. One dog belonging to a Winamac resident was too small for regular war service but had such a "snappy" disposition that it was accepted for messenger service.

Mr. Hoch received word in a telegram Wednesday that an attendant and shipping crates will be here on June 28, to take the dogs to Fort Robinson, Nebr.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jun 17 1943: 2. Microfilm.

Dogs Leave Tonight for War Training

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Dogs Leave Tonight For War Training

Five Animals To Be Shipped To Fort Robinson, Nebr., Cass Committee Announces.

The Cass county Dogs for Defense committee will ship five dogs to Fort Robinson, Nebr., for war training at 7 o'clock tonight from the Cass Implement Sales, 119-121 South Sixth street, it was announced today.

The dogs and their owners are: "Butch," a German Shepherd, owned by Elmer Burks, R. R. 6; "Tim" a Belgium Shepherd owned by Raymond Brown, R. R. 2, Idaville; "Butch," a German Shepherd owned by Walter Gaby, R. R. 6; "Bookie," a Collie Spitz, owned by J. C. McConnell, Young America; and "Brownie," a Doberman Pinscher Collie, owned by Leo Crimmins, of Lucerne.

Another contingent of five canines will be shipped in the middle of July.

Anyone who desires to see the dogs before they are put in the government crates for shipment tonight may go to the Cass Implement Sales.

Members of the committee in charge are: O. Wendell Macy, William T. Studebaker, and Dr. S. F. Gaynor.

Three of the five dogs to be shipped next month already have been procured. Other dog owners who are willing to have their animals assist in the war effort are asked to contact one of the members of the committee or the Cass Implement Sales.

The dogs must weight 50 pounds and be at least 20 inches in height at the withers. Chows and Setters are not accepted. Types wanted are German Shepherds, Collies, Dobermanns, or cross-breeds.

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Eight local dogs enlist!

Eight Dogs from County Enlist for Army WAG

Eight Pulaski county canine candidates for War Dogs were shipped from Winamac last Thursday to Fort Robinson, Nebr., for training as military aids. Each WAG was in a crate, supplied with sufficient food for the trip. The enlistments were made through County Chairman Herbert Hoch.

The dogs, with the owners who volunteered their pets for service were: Lad, shepherd-police, John Underwood; Sport, shepherd, Joseph Stomper; Teddy, shepherd-police, J. E. Hahn; Shep, shepherd-police, Grover Hickle; Tippie, police-fox terrier, Cecil Lebo, too small for regular service but recommended for special messenger training; Dick, collie, Herbert Zeider; Brownie, shepherd, Clarence Garver; Bus, police-collie, Miss Martha Warmbrod.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jul 8 1843: 8. Microfilm.

'Shep' sent packin'

Had You Heard That-

Only one dog of the eight which were shipped from Winamac to Fort Robinson, Nebr., for military training three weeks ago has failed to respond to training to date and is to be shipped home. He is "Shep," shepherd-police belonging to Grover Hickle, which proved to be gun shy. Herbert Hoch, county chairman for procurement of dogs for the Army, expects another call for dogs at an early date.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jul 29 1943: 1. Microfilm.

'Ranger' now a Sergeant

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Winamac

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Price of Hobert, Ind., have been notified that their German police dog, "Ranger" is now a sergeant.

Mr. and Mrs. Price's dog was enlisted in the U. S. army of "Dogs for Defense" Feb. 14, 1943, received his training for sentry duty at Fort Robinson, Neb., finished his training in six week and sailed under sealed orders. He is now overseas.

Logansport (IN) Pharos-Tribune Aug 11 1943: 9. Microfilm.

Plan Shipment of Six Dogs

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Another Contingent to Be Sent to Fort Robinson, Neb., Saturday Evening.

A total of nineteen dogs will have been sent to military service from Logansport when another contingent of six canines is shipped to Fort Robinson, Neb., at 7 o'clock Saturday evening from the Cass Implement Sales on Sixth street.

The dogs to be shipped Saturday evening are: Collie-St. Bernard, "Dough Boy," owned by Mrs. George Stackhouse, 1229 Smead street; a police dog Duchess, owned by Louise M. Bauer, 420 Tacoma; a collie Spitz, Pal, owned by Mrs. Walter Long, 511 Front street; a huskie, Ted, owned by Clark A. Peters, Lucerne; a German shepherd, owned by Mrs. W. F. Nickels; a German shepherd, Rex, owned by Arthur Kinaman, route 1.

Information concerning the acceptance of dogs will be given to anyone interested Saturday evening at the point of shipment, it was announced by Wendell Macy and William Studebaker of the committee in charge.

Local Dog Receives Army Discharge, Too

Friendly for War Use

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Local Dog Receives Army Discharge; Too Friendly for War Use

"Pal," a chow-collie owned by Mrs. Walter Long, 511 Front street, who left for Fort Robinson, Neb., nine weeks ago today, is enroute home again with an honorable discharge from the army because he lived up to his name too well. He proved too friendly for army use.

The army discharge was received Saturday by the Long family from the Quartermaster General's office.

Tom and Dick Long, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Long, who raised the animal from a pup, were looking forward eagerly to the return of their "Pal." The Longs do not know when the dog will arrive home.

Logansport (IN) Pharos-Tribune Oct 9 1943: 1. Microfilm.

Logansport (IN) Pharos-Tribune Aug 12 1943: 13. Microfilm.

Dogs can still enlist

Enlistment Still Open For War-Dog Volunteers

Dog owners of this vicinity who wish to volunteer their animals for war service may still do so, it was stated this week by Herbert Hoch, chairman of war dog recruiting for Pulaski county. He has a few shipping crates on hand, and is anxious to use them within the next few days if possible.

Breeds desired are shepherd, collie, police and bull, or mixtures of those breeds. Animals acceptable must be at least one year old, weigh fifty pounds or more, and not gun shy. They will be returned to owners at the end of the war if they have come through the conflict safely.

Mr. Hoch has received from headquarters many interesting stories on the use of dogs in combat areas. In jungle fighting, for example, dogs now carry first-aid kits to wounded soldiers whom they are able to locate by scent, and are being trained to summon additional aid to men whom they have thus discovered. Many other examples of the value of dogs in warfare are cited.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Dec 2 1943: 1. Microfilm.

Seven 'War Dogs' accepted

Seven "War Dogs" Accepted for Training

Seven "war dogs" shipped out of here last week and have arrived safely at Fort Robinson, Neb., and were all reported acceptable for training, according to word received by Herbert Hoch, county War Dog chairman.

Dogs in the group are mostly collie shepherds, and were contributed by Robert Hanson, Francis Weldy, Dale Stout, Isaac Williamson, Martin Kuhn, Orville Greiger and Herman Dommer.

Mr. Hoch states that he is expecting another supply of shipping crates soon, and will continue to accept volunteers.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Feb 17 1944: 1. Microfilm.

Jerry has 'nervous temperament'

Dog Returned Home

Because he could not be taught the importance of being quiet, Jerry, the dog Robert Hansen of the Winamac vicinity volunteered for War service in February, was returned to his home last week from Fort Robinson, Nebr. "Jerry" gave general satisfaction as a War Dog, other than he was of nervous temperament and would not stand still, and also, he barked too much.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jun 15 1944: 1. Microfilm.

'Brownie' killed

Winamac War Dog

Is Killed in Action

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Garver, east of Winamac, received word last week from Ft. Robinson, Nebr. of the death of their dog "Brownie", while on active service with the armed forces. This is the county's first reported K-9 casualty. The letter said in part: "His conduct was such as to bring credit to both himself and you as his owner. In the interest of military secrecy, it is not possible to divulge any further details of Brownie's service."

On New Year's Day, Fuzzy, a collie belonging to Herman Dommer of Denham, returned from Ft. Robinson, having received an honorable discharge from Army service.

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Jan 4 1945: 1. Microfilm.

Skippy revives Master

Wounded Pet Revives Stricken Master

This is the story of "Skippy," a Boston terrier that shared in the heroism attending the saving of an American freighter bombed off Leyte.

Though fired amidship by Jap explosives, with 14 members of the armed guard casualties, the vessel was saved by the crew's quick control of the flames and the merchant seamen's manning of the

anti-aircraft guns against incoming enemy raiders between unloadings of supplies.

As bombs ripped Capt. Andrew W. Gavin's cabin, "Skippy," wounded by shrapnel, was blown into his master's room, where the officer lay unconscious amid the wreckage. Licking Captain Gavin's forehead despite his own injuries, "Skippy" revived him.

Winamac (IN) Republican Mar 15 1945: 7. Microfilm.

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Teddy discharged

Former Beaver Dog, Discharged From Service, Returned to Owners



J. E. HAHN AND TEDDY

Teddy, a black and tan collie belonging to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hahn of Lake Freeman, residing in East Monticello, has received his discharge from the United States Coast Guard at Curtis Bay, Maryland. He arrived in Winamac by express a few days ago, and Mr. Hahn came here to get him.

The dog was happy to see his master, and knew him. He is a little lost in his new surroundings on the lake, as Mr. and Mrs. Hahn moved from Pulaski county to Monticello two years ago, after the dog had entered service. When taken to the Hahn home, Teddy entered the house and went to Mrs. Hahn, placing his front feet on her knees, like he wanted to talk to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Hahn have the discharge papers of Teddy, which shows that he was awarded a cer-

tificate of faithful service and honorable discharge from the coast guard.

Having two dogs on the farm in Beaver township, Pulaski county, the Hahn's offered Teddy to the coast guard in June, 1943. His military record shows service at camps in Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma and Maryland.

With the discharge papers came a letter from Lt. Commander W. C. Necker, USCGR office in charge of war dog reception and training detachment, expressing appreciation for the patriotic motive that prompted Mr. and Mrs. Hahn to donate Teddy to the service. The officer cautioned them to give Teddy an opportunity to readjust himself to civilian life, and not be subjected to any undue excitement for a few days. However, Teddy made himself right at home, and needed no special attention.

—Courtesy White Co. Democrat

Pulaski County (IN) Democrat Nov 22 1945: 8. Microfilm.