

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER
FROM WENDELL NYSTROM.

From Messenger.

Ft. Sheridan, Ill. Oct. 28, 1917.

Yes I am here at Ft. Sheridan doing my bit for Uncle Sam. We are given a most intensive training and the work is quite strenuous. They profited by the mistakes and experiences of the first camp to a sufficient degree to make this one even more complete and thoro.

Our duties begin at Reveille (5:45) and continue until 9 p. m. We are actually at work during that time. We go to bed at 9:30. Our time off for our own personal use is often less than an hour a day, together with a pass from Saturday p. m. to Sunday at 5:30 p. m. providing we are not on the "skin book"—which in common parlance means if we "get away" lucky— if our rifles are clean, our shoes in place, equipment in the proper order and other details too numerous to remember—much less note here.

The men of the camp are much older than those of the previous camp and I find myself one of the youngest here. A point not in my favor that doesn't discourage me in the least. Many men have been released. In our company of 125 men Sept. 1st—only 100 are left. One never knows when he may be asked to resign. Eight men were culled from our company yesterday. I may be next.

Thus far we have spent one week