

# 16 Atterbury Soldiers Become Citizens of U. S.

**Natives of Many Countries  
Naturalized in Local  
Court.**

Sixteen Camp Atterbury soldiers became citizens of the United States at hearings conducted before Judge George W. Long of Bartholomew circuit court today.

Practically all the men naturalized were from the 30th Division.

W. M. Brown of the Cincinnati office of the U. S. Department of Immigration and Naturalization was in charge of the hearings. O. D. Wilson, Bartholomew county clerk, administered the oaths.

Mr. Brown stated it was likely that additional hearings would be held tomorrow.

**From All Over the World.**

The men obtaining their citizenship papers came from various parts of the world. Native lands of several of them have been torn to bits in the European war.

Men from Poland, Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Finland, Greece and Canada were in the group.

"If these men could tell you their experiences it would fill several newspapers," one of the soldiers commented.

In the group was a young man from Poland. Two of his brothers are now fighting with Russia as volunteers. He has another brother in a German prison camp. Whereabouts of some of his relatives are unknown.

A sergeant in the group came to the United States two days after the war started in Europe. He was a native of Vienna.

Seven of the men appeared before Judge Long at noon and were administered the oath of citizenship. Nine others went before the court in the afternoon.

More than 40 soldiers came to Columbus for the hearings, it being necessary for each citizenship applicant to provide two witnesses.

The courthouse, especially the clerk's office, was a busy place throughout the day. Most of the paper work in connection with the applicants was handled in this of-

...fice by Clerk Wilson and his staff. The group of applicants was not confined to enlisted men. There was also a captain obtaining his first citizenship papers.

## 40 TO GET 8TH GRADE DIPLOMAS

**Commencement Exercises to  
Be Held at Auditorium  
Thursday Afternoon.**

...justment schools will be graduated from the eighth grade at exercises at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon at the Columbus high school auditorium.

The program for the commencement, prepared by Mrs. Lillie W. Leppert, was announced today.

It will open with the march of the graduates with Carla Lurie at the piano.

Von Boll will be master of ceremonies, and Patricia Elliott will make the welcome address. Donald Hull will give the invocation after which Nancy Lostutter will play a piano solo.

Martha Ellen Taylor will give the class history, assisted by Leroy Silva, Donald Tull and members of the 8A graduating class.

Next will come a song by a quintet composed of Joanne Job, Donna Gordon, Patricia Elliott, Martha Cox and Martha Ellen Taylor.

Nancy Lostutter will make the farewell address, and J. O. Kelly, principal of Wilson school will present the diplomas.

**Graduates Listed.**

The following will receive diplomas and enter high school next week:

- Ralph Bailey, Don Boll, Bob Booher, Glen Brown,
- Mildred Carter, Robert Cook, Martha Cox,
- Harriett Daugherty, John Dilts, Patricia Elliott,
- Donna Gordon, Betty Geilker, Don Guckenberger.

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