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IN THEIR OWN WORDS

“ When receiving the Induction Order unit commanders put out the word by telephone, telegram and news releases. Many of the men learned about the muster upon reading notices in the newspapers and they either reported in or telephoned that they would report at the specified time, 0700 AM on 15 October.

On 15 October, every member of Company K reported before 0700. The men drew their uniforms and equipment in the usual way and dressed. It helped that the cooks had made hot coffee and the coffee helped getting the day started in a good way.

The hustle and bustle in the armory on the morning of 15 October was like that of an ordinary drill, but the 15 October assembly was no ordinary drill. It was the beginning of one year of active service. No one guessed that it was the beginning of five years of service for many, death and disablement for too many and life long military careers for others.”