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ILLUSTRATION OF NAVAL UNIFORMS FROM CIVIL WAR

On March 4th of 1865 victory for the Union for-
as in the Civil War was practically assured; yet
ere was still a need for more troops to bring up
e compliment of necessary men in any given
ranch of the armed services.

The towns in Orleans County had already
ached their limit of those who had either volun-
ered for duty or had been drafted. To fill their
ota municipalities had begun hiring substitutes.
his system consisted of paying someone, a man
t born in the United States or a naturalized citi-
in, to go to war after receiving a bounty, usually
ywhere from \$300.00 to \$700.00 per man.
Apparently each town in Orleans County was
ssessed to send a set amount of men, this time

roster of men who were hired as substitutes in Chi-
cago, Illinois by a delegation of un-named county
officials.

There is no confirmation if, in fact, any of these
men actually served or if they may have taken their
bounty monies and used it to possibly stake them-
selves for adventure in the wild west. If they did
serve it was most likely in the Mississippi Fleet.

From the list of names it would seem these
young men were of Irish or English immigration.
The records show each was paid \$500.00 and
each agreed to serve 2 years:

Robert Hartley, (age) 24; William Francer, 24;
Timothy Donaghau, 24; Edward Schwisenger, 24;