



THE DISPATCH, HUNTINGTON, W. VA., MONDAY MORNING

Denied Opportunity In Youth, Man's Pluck Wins Education

**John L. Upton, Who Worked at Nights as Attendant
At Veteran's Hospital, at 34 Obtains Credits
To Enter Training School**

John L. Upton, 2776 Elmwood avenue, is a living example of the truth of homely, old adages about perseverance, pluck, determination and courage, at which the younger generation is so likely to turn up its nose.

Mr. Upton, now about 34 years old, through his own efforts is about to achieve the dream of his lifetime—an opportunity to study and receive useful education.

When he was 17, Mr. Upton, then of Toledo, O., enlisted in the army and saw active service at the front with Battery B. 11th Field Artillery. He had no education, had not been to school. While he was in France, the young man decided ignorance would get him no place and he determined to "get an education." Most of it was through self instruction. With the spirit of Abe Lincoln, he kept to his plan of reading and studying.

Now, with enough high school credits, he will enter the William

Mason Memorial Hospital at Murray, Ky., next month to take a nurse's course.

For the last year and a half he has been employed at the United States Veterans Hospital as an attendant, working at nights so he could attend Huntington high school during the day. He also attended summer school in order to procure the needed credits, still working at night and studying whenever possible.

John L. Upton will "get an education," even if he did start a little late in life.

Persistent



John L. Upton, above, decided when soldiering in France when but 18 years old, that he wanted an education. Today, at 34, he has finally completed enough high school work to enter nurses' training school.