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Fear for Safety of 9 Local Men in War Zone

ARMY PLANS NEW DIVISION

What It Means to Be a Flunky in the Navy

Here's Story of 19-Year-Old Boy Led by Glamorous Advertising to Enlist Just a Year Ago

By JULIO FLETCHER

SAN JUAN, P.R.—I am writing this letter in the hope that it may help save other boys from being victimized as I have been in the service of Uncle Sam.

Desiring to serve my country in this emergency, I joined the naval reserve in September, 1940, at the age of 18, and was called to active

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9 Baltimore Seamen in War Zone

As the warfare in the Pacific between this country and Japan entered its fifth day Thursday, concern over the safety of nine members of the Naval Reserves developed into deep-rooted worry among their relatives and friends here. One of the youths is Stanley Mumford Taylor, 23, of 530 Laurent Street, who when last heard from was aboard the U.S.S. McDonough. It is one of the latest type destroyers patrolling the waters around Manila, one of the first ports bombed by the Nipponese Sunday.

Charles Davis

8 Others in Draft Age

His mother, Mrs. Harriett Taylor, told the AFRO that her son enlisted five years ago. He is one of thirteen children, eight of whom are potential draftees, being between 18 and 30 years of age.

Though their sons when last heard from were on duty in the Panama Canal Zone and in the Tenth Naval District around Puerto Rico, relatives and friends of the other eight youths were greatly upset by the sudden turn of events this week.

Whereabouts Unknown

This concern was attributed to

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2 Killed in Truck Crash

25 Were on Way from Work in D.C.

Two men were killed and seventeen others injured, one seriously, when an open truck in which twenty-five construction workers were returning from work on a War Department building in Washington, hit a pole on Washington Boulevard early Thursday morning.

The dead are John Knight, 22, of 1716 Presbury Street, killed instantly, and Harold Henderson, 27, of 532 Calhoun Street, who died an hour after he reached the University Hospital. Both received head injuries.

One Still in Hospital

Haywood Lewis, 28, of 921

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All a "Horrible Mistake"—Red Cross

Baltimore Red Cross officials, including C. H. McFarland, executive director, told the AFRO Thursday that Mrs. Ralph Truitt, white, information desk clerk and volunteer worker (facing camera) erred if she told Mrs. Marie Murphy (back to camera) that colored volunteer blood donors were not being accepted there at headquarters, 202 Guilford Avenue. While Mrs. Truitt advised that colored volunteers must go to Provident Hospital, Mr. McFarland says the local blood donor service differs from the National Emergency Blood Donor Project for defense, and that the former is anxious to get donors whose blood will be used in local hospitals. One official termed the incident a "horrible mistake."

Seek 1328 Air Raid Wardens

Openly declared war between the United States and the Axis Powers, Germany, Italy and Japan, and the threatened air raids by hostile planes on the Pacific Coast, have intensified the efforts of local civilian defense agencies to enlist air raid wardens here.

On the basis of the latest census figures, approximately 1328 air raid wardens will be needed for 166,000 colored Baltimoreans on the basis of four wardens for every 500 persons.

Volunteers from all walks of life—male and female—have been registering at the various police stations to be wardens, but ac-

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Integration of Both Races in Army Units Held Very Unlikely

Editors Hear That U.S. Plans Three More Senior ROTC Units

WAR BULLETINS

Congress acted speedily on the request of the President for a declaration of war against Germany and Italy, this morning (Thursday), a few hours after Hitler and Mussolini closed their respective speeches by declaring war on this country.

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WASHINGTON.

By STAFF CORRESPONDENT

"I doubt whether many of us believe that separation of soldiers on a basis of race is necessary. For one, I should like to see an experiment made with a mixed battalion in which white and colored soldiers might have an opportunity to volunteer to serve. I believe it would be quickly recruited and I believe it would be successful. Perhaps war time is a good time to forget racial differences."

Thus did Claude A. Barnett, editor of the Associated Negro Press, voice the sentiment of the more than twenty newspaper editors and reporters gathered in the Munitions Building here Monday, at the request of the War Department, in a conference called by Judge William H. Hastie, civilian aide to the Secretary of War.

Mr. Barnett's declaration came late in the day, the opening day of a two-day meeting that had as its first speaker General George C. Marshall, chief of staff, U.S. Army—and followed almost immediately the request by President Roosevelt that the Congress of the United States declare war on Japan.

Washington, and particularly the area surrounding the War Department building, was a bee-hive of activity as the representatives of leading colored periodicals sat down with the heads of various branches of the War Department to discuss ways and means of arriving at amicable settlement of maladjustments in the armed forces, where colored soldiers are concerned.

These newspaper men

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IN A NUTSHELL

War Department to continue jim crow policy in army.

Separate colored division planned for spring, also three senior ROTC training units.

Nation's editors told "army not a sociological laboratory."

Editors blast army heads for following the Southern pattern in army training, urge integration of both races in same units.

General B. O. Davis tells press morale of men is high.

War Won't Alter Selectee Quota

Although world events are becoming more critical daily, unless official word comes from Washington, the December draft call for this State will remain at 58 youths for induction and 250 listed to receive their final physical examination prior to induction in January, Lt. Col. Henry C. Stanwood announced Wednesday.

At the same time, however, the State director of the Selective Service system revealed that 245 men are to be called in January for physical examinations to be inducted the following month, Col. Stanwood said.

State Selective Service officials explained that every effort has been made to refrain from drafting or examining men from December 1 to 16, but since the U. S. is now at war with Japan,

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State Guard Outfit Called Into Service

The 250 officers and members of the Eleventh Battalion, Maryland State Guard, were formally ordered into active duty late Thursday.

That evening several of the enlisted men were on guard duty at the Fifth Regiment Armory. By this morning (Friday), most of the men had reported to the Richmond Market Armory at Howard and Biddle Streets, awaiting orders from Brig-Gen. Dwight H. Mohr, State commander.

Assignment Not Revealed

Augustus Bourbon, secretary to Governor Herbert R. O'Conor, confirmed the report that Major William Creigler's Eleventh Battalion had been ordered out, but added that he was not in a position to say whether the unit would be assigned to a strategic post in Baltimore or elsewhere in the State.

These assignments, it was pointed out, are to be made by General Mohr and a high official of the Army's Third Corps Area. The Conowingo and Pretlyboy Dams, Morgantown and Havre de Grace bridges, armories and important industrial plants are listed among the places to be

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Red Cross Seeks Blood Donors

The Baltimore Red Cross needs blood of colored donors badly for local use, C. H. McFarland, white, executive director, told the AFRO Thursday.

The AFRO had questioned Mr. McFarland because a release from his office two weeks ago solicited colored donors, yet, on Tuesday, when Mrs. Marie Murphy visited the headquarters at 202 Guilford Avenue she was told that colored persons were not being accepted.

"You All Go to Provident"

Mrs. Murphy stated that a Mrs. Ralph Truitt, white, volunteer worker and information desk clerk, stated "You all go to Provident Hospital—don't you know that?" Mr. McFarland has promised to investigate.

The local blood donor project is not to be confused with the National Emergency Volunteer Blood Donor Project located at 4 S. Calvert Street, where blood is collected for the army and navy

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76th, 77th CA Units in 1st Target Areas

FORT DUPONT, Del. — The 77th Coast Artillery Regiment, regularly stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., arrived here on Thursday.

The 77th CA unit is being accompanied by its chaplain, Lieut. H. A. Robinson. The 76th CA Regiment, also regularly stationed at Fort Bragg, moved on to Philadelphia.

3 More Messengers Hired by Postal Co.

As a result of the expressed satisfaction of company officials with the work of colored youths previously employed, three more boys were hired by the Postal Telegraph Company as messengers and placed to work at the company's Light Street office on Thursday.

This brings to nine the total number of colored messengers now used by this company, as six were hired on October 6, following a six-month fight by the Urban League and other organizations.

The newly hired youths are Donald R. Fallin, 602 N. Carrollton Avenue; William R. Keston, 428 Laurens Street, and Floyd Scott, 12 N. Caroline Street.

First 6 Hired in May

The six boys first hired by the company in May were outfitted with uniforms, but were not placed to work then because of what company officials termed the resentment of some of their white employees.

However, a continued shortage of available white youths forced the company to hire white girls as messengers and finally place the colored youths previously hired.

Despite this shortage, though, officials of the local Western Union Telegraph Company still refuse to consider colored boys as messengers.

Boys Draw $15 Weekly

The nine colored boys now employed by the Postal Telegraph Company are divided between the offices at 330 Guilford Avenue and 114 Light Street. They receive salaries of $15 weekly.

Those first hired are Warren Thompson, Lewis Rozelle, George Kyler, Vanlear Williams, Nathaniel Perry and Junius Smith.

Rozelle has since resigned and been replaced by John Foster of 1102 Clendenin Street.

Nickel in Slot Machine Costs Garageman's Life

A five-cent coin jammed in the slot of a chewing gum vending machine at the Wagon Wheel Tavern, 1638 Pennsylvania Ave., cost Sam Lyons, 33, mid-city garage worker of 605 N. Pace Street, his life early Thursday.

Northwestern District police charged Louvon Millard, 50, of 577 Laurens Street, proprietor of the tavern, with causing the death of Lyons. At a hearing before Magistrate Walter J. Dewees, Millard was held without bail pending a further hearing, the date to be set by the State's attorney's office.

Late Thursday, Mr. Millard was released under $2,000 bail following a hearing before Judge Eugene O'Dunne on a habeas corpus writ filed by his attorney, Joseph Rosenthal.

According to witnesses, Lyons, apparently intoxicated, had been somewhat disorderly during the time he was in the tavern, and on several occasions had been asked to be quiet. The slaying occurred after Lyons picked up a stool from in front of the bar and attempted to smash the machine because his nickel became jammed in to the slot, witnesses said.

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SURE IT'S HUNTING SEASON

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Editors Hear Chief of Staff

General George Marshall, commander in chief of the United States Army, was photographed above on Monday morning when he addressed the editors of prominent newspapers at the War Department in Washington. General Marshall's speech was the highlight of the conference called by Judge William H. Hastie for Monday and Tuesday. The general showed signs of the wear and tear of the forty-eight hours that preceded the conference, during which Japan attacked the United States.

Richmond Man on Bombed Navy Ship

RICHMOND—At least one Richmonder was believed to have been under the baptism of fire hurled upon Pearl Harbor in Honolulu by the Japanese air force on Sunday.

He was Melvin Bentley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bentley, of 403 W. Charity Street. His parents said that they received a letter from him last week and that he was stationed on a ship which was bombed during the attack.

Bentley has been in the navy for five years.

Steel Worker Gets Life for Slaying Ma-in-Law

In a retrial in the Circuit Court in Towson Wednesday, James Stokes, 24-year-old Sparrows Point steel worker of 1043 N. Durham Street, was convicted of first-degree murder in the slaying of his mother-in law and sentenced to the Maryland penitentiary for life.

An all-white jury returned the verdict, without capital punishment, after deliberating approximately two and a half hours.

Stokes was first convicted of first-degree murder in the fatal shooting in August of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Bertha Randolph, 38, by Judge Eugene O'Dunne following a trial on September 11, but sentence was withheld pending a motion for a new trial.

Judge Orders New Trial

On October 21, however, after the Supreme Bench had denied this motion, Judge O'Dunne struck out his verdict and ordered a new trial for Stokes.

This order was issued after Judge O'Dunne had heard testimony from additional witnesses produced by J. Howard Payne, who along with Samuel S. Levin, white attorney, served as counsel for the accused man.

Testimony revealed that Mrs. Randolph was shot at the Stokes

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Whittington Resigns Post at School 119

The resignation of Albert (Dick) Whittington, teacher at John H. Murphy School No. 119, was accepted at a session of the board of school commissioners, Thursday.

The reason for the resignation was not given, but one official indicated that it had been requested, saying that Mr. Whittington had absented himself from school excessively.

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