

JOHNSON'S OWN STORY OF THE HEROIC FIGHT

Literary Digest Quotes a First Hand Account of the Scrap Which Won Two Colored Soldiers the Croix de Guerre.

The following article clipped from the Literary Digest purports to be Johnson's own account of his and Robinson's heroic encounter with the Germans. It is amusing and worthy of record, but we wonder if Corporal Norwood hasn't stretched truth a little and tried to write the way he thinks all Colored men should talk, instead of as they do talk. Johnson and Robinson are both New York boys and have lived in the Empire state long enough to know nothing about the strange dialect which the corporal has attempted to put into their mouths. It isn't real southern speech and bears little resemblance to good English, but we hasten to reprint it because of the humor there is in it, as well as the humor of white men trying to imitate our own inimitable folk.

Letters From the Front to the Folks at Home.

Ablood-and-thunder novelist might have told the following story with more frills and thrills, but he could hardly have made it more real. The incident has figured in cable reports, which told briefly how two Colored boys from Albany, N. Y., had held an American outpost position against a small German army, accounting for some dozens of the enemy, and receiving therefor French and American decorations.

Corporal J. Rush Norwood of Sylvia, Kan., met the hero of that incident, Corporal Henry Johnson, and wrote home Johnson's account of the fight in the Colored soldier's own words.

Corporal Norwood's letter appears in the Hutchinson (Kan.) News, from which we quote:

Corporal Henry Johnson himself, who is convalescing at a nearby base hospital, rather unexpectedly dropped in at the field headquarters of the press section here and very willingly gave a vivid and awesome story of the event. I am going to try to offer it to you as I heard it. Quite contrary to the well known newspaper phrase, "told his story blushing and stammering as a schoolgirl," Johnson gave a rapid and vivid story, inserting all gestures of the fray.

"Yessah, ma name's Johnson. Dis is Johnson, what's left of 'em."

"Yah must a read all about Johnson and Robinson, shure you did; it was in all de papers."

"Dere's a silver plate right here (pointing to his left foot), yessir, right dere, they pushed a baynet through ma laig an' shot me in de right arm. Day want to send me home but Ah ain't goin' home. Ah gonna stay here till ma company goes home. I'm as good a man as any of 'em. Dose Germans can't fight."

"Twas a cloudy a rainy night and me and ma pardner was at this here outpost. Bout two in da mornin' we sees a bunch a Germans comin' at us. Ah figured maself as good a man as any of 'em an Ah says to ma pardner, 'We's going to stick right here.' He says, 'I'm with yah to de end.' So stead of treating to our lines we cut loose grenades and fired way all our ammunition. Robinson was wounded in da laig at de start and fell to de ground still throwing de grenades at de Huns. Two of 'em tried to carry way ma pardner on a stretcher. Ah took ma rifle, a French gun, just like dis, and hit a Dude right on de haid and broke the rifle right here."

"Ah went after de Dudes carryin' way ma pardner. Ah reached for ma bowie (trench knife) and hit one feller right in de haid. I pulled it out and bout faced all round and give it to nudder in the guts."

"I took my pardner way from 'em and brought 'em back to de post. Den one of de Dudes comes at ma hollerin', 'Kumrad!' Kumrad, ya say? I'm Kumrad all right. Ah'll show ye Kumrad. Yessah, and den de Ger-

mans, what was lef of 'em, beat it. I bandaged ma pardner with me first-aid kit.

"Den de lootenant comes runnin' in an' says, 'Johnson, what's happened?'"

"I says, 'It's all over, lootenant.'"

"Ah had sixteen automatics and mo stuff piled in front of ma."

"I says, 'Go out dere an' count dose Dudes.'"

"The lootenant takes his pocket light an' looks over the ground and comes back."

"For heaven's sake, Johnson, dere's twenty-four of 'em!"

"Yessah, and if dey hadn't a got ma pardner here, dey would a been a lot mo."

"The lootenant says, 'Johnson, are you hurt?'"

"Ah says, 'No, sah.'"

"Yes, you is," he says. "Look, youse all bloody.'"

"Oh, I says, dat's from de Dudes."

"Yessah, I figured maself as good a man as any of dem and if dey hadn't got ma pardner we'd a clean up."

At this point one of the listeners inquired:

"Johnson, where are you from?"

"I'm from Albany, sah."

"I'm from Albany, too," was the reply.

"Yah ought to know me. I'm Henry Johnson, the boy who used to drive a horse for Hartman's on — street."

This ended the dramatic offering and Mr. Johnson was warmly congratulated by his attentive audience.

Daily as Corporal Johnson strolls the streets of the village on his convalescent limp he is stopped by both French and Americans, who congratulate him and inquire as to his heroic deed. He is becoming a popular character about the place and many await the appearance of his partner, Robinson, to see the pair which scored such an extraordinary win against heavy German odds.

GALVESTON EPISCOPAL CHURCH PROSPERS

Special to The Monitor.

St. Augustine's church (Episcopal) observed its patronal festival with festal evensong, St. Augustine's day, August 25. The rector of Trinity church, the Rev. T. J. Sloan, and Mr. F. W. Catterall, cashier of the First National bank and chairman of the school board, made appropriate addresses. On the Sunday within the octave, there was a high celebration of the Holy Eucharist, and at evensong an American and a British flag were blessed, and will be carried behind the cross in procession.

The new vicar, the Rev. George Gilbert Walker, is meeting with marked success, and St. Augustine's is taking its place among the most progressive Colored congregations of the Episcopal church.

GEORGIA GOVERNOR ASKED QUESTION

National Association Requests Information as to Steps Taken to Punish Lynchers and Carry Out President's Desires.

New York.—The National Association for the advancement of Colored People makes public a telegram addressed to Governor Hugh M. Dorsey of Georgia, inquiring of him what action has been taken, if any, in bringing to justice the members of the mobs, some of whose names were furnished to him on July 10 by a special investigator of the Association, who during the month of May lynched eleven, perhaps more, Negroes, one of them a woman. It will be remembered that on July 10 the investigator placed in the hands of the governor a memorandum giving the facts discovered by him during four days spent in the section where the lynchings occurred, a copy of the same memorandum later being sent to President Wilson. Eight weeks have elapsed since that time and the Association pointedly asks the governor, "What can we tell America concerning Georgia's governor's co-operation with our president in helping to stamp out mob violence?" The reply of the governor will be awaited with considerable interest, and more particularly his action taken on the evidence regarding the lynchings now in his hands. Georgia's record of lynching twenty-five Negroes since America entered the war is an unenviable one and the world is waiting to see whether she really wants to stop lynching.

HEIR BORN TO SOLDIER IN FRANCE

On September 5 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Boggus of 3518 Parker street. Mrs. Boggus was Miss Anna McLendon, a registered graduate nurse. Sergeant Boggus is with the 92d division somewhere in France. Mrs. Boggus' only brother, Hugh McLendon, is also in France.

WILLIAMS AT GROVE CHURCH

Fred C. Williams, who has just returned from an extensive trip through the south will speak at Grove Methodist church Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Furnished Rooms—Strictly modern furnished room for man and wife. Mrs. Hueston, 2805 Ohio.

THE SEPTEMBER CRISIS

The cover of the September Crisis is a portrait of Gertrude Royal in "Chu Chin Chow," by Frank Walts. There are pictures of the Douglass home in Anacostia, D. C., now headquarters of the National Association of Colored Women; the Y. M. C. A. Summer Institute; and the Negro Editorial conference. The articles include: "What of Liberia?" by Plenyono Gbe Wolo; "The Work of a Mob," by Walter F. White; "These Things Shall Be!" by John Haynes Holmes; and poems by Georgia D. Johnson, Otto Leland Bohanan and E. Ralph Cheyney.

Colored Voters Start Pershing on Career

How an Omaha Linotyper Pulled Political Trick Which Indirectly Sent General Pershing to West Point.

Was an Admirer of the General in His Baseball Days, When He Played Third Base.

Omaha, Neb., Sept. 12.—That comparatively insignificant events sometimes lead to mighty results is illustrated in the story of Victor P. Gay, linotyper in the composing room of the Bee, who unintentionally initiated a train of events which are responsible for the presence of General John J. Pershing at the head of the American armies in France today.

These are the links in the chain of events which have placed General Pershing in command of the forces which will change the course of the world's history.

Gay was a cog in the political machine which brought about the election of Charles Mansur to congress from the old Third Missouri district in the fall of 1882. Mansur soon afterward appointed John Pershing, then a Missouri schoolmaster, to West Point, and so started him on the career which was to embrace leadership of American forces over half a world, from the Philippines and the wrecks of the Spanish empire to France and the borders of the German empire.

Just before election a brilliant idea occurred to me. There were about 80 Negroes who lived in and around Utica, five miles west of Chillicothe. These Negroes were voters, but no one had ever attempted to swing their votes one way or another in the elections. Many of them were friends of mine and through them I brought out of mine and through them I brought out the trick.

The night before election I called a meeting of them in a schoolhouse on edge of town. I told them what the election of Charley Mansur, staunch old republican, would mean to them, and told them what the party had done for them during and after the civil war. I secured the promise of all of them to vote for Mansur the next day.

Electon night the votes were counted. Sixty-five of my 80 Negro voters had gone in a solid block for Charley Mansur and he was elected by 39 votes. He'd have lost out sure if it hadn't been for those Negroes. Oh, we had close elections those days in old Missouri.

It was only a few months after he took office that Mansur appointed Pershing to West Point, where the Missouri lad afterwards rose to be instructor and from where he went to begin his active career of leadership.

And the strangest part of the story is that, although Gay knew John Pershing by sight, he has never exchanged a word with him in all his life, never was introduced to him and has probably never been heard of by the general.

Gay was also one of the Chillicothe rooters who backed the baseball team from Wheeling, Mo., on which John Pershing was a star third baseman.

"You had to be a star to play on that team," says Gay, "and the Wheeling 'Haymakers,' as we called them, won the amateur championship of the state. They used to beat semi-professional teams from St. Louis and other big towns right along. Although Pershing was a school teacher and was a native of Laclede, Mo., he used to play on the team."

"Yes, I guess it was partly my fault that Pershing is licking the boche today," concluded Gay, reflectively, "but it was all an accident, and I suppose just another trick of that old lady they call 'Dame Fortune.'"

HEIR BORN TO SOLDIER IN FRANCE

On September 5 a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Boggus of 3518 Parker street. Mrs. Boggus was Miss Anna McLendon, a registered graduate nurse. Sergeant Boggus is with the 92d division somewhere in France. Mrs. Boggus' only brother, Hugh McLendon, is also in France.

WILLIAMS AT GROVE CHURCH

Fred C. Williams, who has just returned from an extensive trip through the south will speak at Grove Methodist church Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Furnished Rooms—Strictly modern furnished room for man and wife. Mrs. Hueston, 2805 Ohio.

DRAFTED MEN TO BE TRAINED BEFORE CALL

Nation-wide Organization for Preliminary Drill Launched by National Security League Under Sanction of General Crowder.

Under the sanction of Provost Marshal General Crowder, the National Security League has undertaken the organization throughout the country of a systematic preliminary course of training for the young men in the draft, so that when they are called they will know something of their duties and how to take care of themselves.

The League has drawn up a comprehensive plan, which will be put in operation in every state in the Union under the direction of a "Committee on Preliminary Training and Instruction of Men Registered for Draft," of which Surgeon-General Charles F. Stokes, U. S. N., retired, is chairman.

Crowder Approves. Provost Marshal General Crowder, to whom the Security League submitted the idea before acting, has approved it in a letter to Col. Charles E. Lydecker, President of the League, in which he says:

"Your proposal gives me great satisfaction. Your League can render valuable assistance in this manner."

The Security League's plan will be made effective through the 281 branches of the League, scattered in all parts of the country, and subcommittees of Surgeon-General Stokes's committee co-operating with the Local Draft Boards in all the states. It provides for the organization into instruction classes of the men soon to be called, to be selected by the Draft Boards, the actual training to be conducted by retired or disabled army officers, whose efforts to prepare the young men for service will be supplemented by local clergymen and physicians.

Gen. J. Franklin Bell, commandant at Camp Upton, is an enthusiastic supporter of the plan and has promised the Security League co-operation in obtaining instructors for the classes in New York City and vicinity.

"Clean, Sober Soldiers." "The object of our endeavor will be to make the young men understand why they are called for service to their country, what is to be expected of them and why they should be loyal, clean, sober and intelligent soldiers," says Surgeon-General Stokes. Outlining the operation of the plan, he continues:

"There are three main working points:

"(1) Each Local Draft Board, through its Chairman, will select a Captain, who will procure the assembly of the registrants and obtain from a local military or naval post, State Guard or Home Defense Unit or from retired or disabled veterans of the present war an adequate training officer.

"(2) The Captain will also invite a local clergyman to give information, instruction and advice to the young men.

Save Time and Money. "A local physician will also instruct the young men in matters of health, hygiene and physical well-being in order that when they go to camp they shall present themselves with a consciousness of knowledge which will add to their strength and usefulness."

"At present the vast majority of our young men are called to the colors untrained. It would greatly facilitate their being turned into soldiers and save the government time and money if when they are called they are provided with some knowledge of military training and a sense of discipline and organization."

"The position of local Captain, who will supervise the work, offers one of the finest opportunities for patriotic service for men of standing in the community who are unable to get into the trenches."

"Disorganized Rabble." "Under the guidance of such a man, aided by an influential local clergyman and physician, the drafted men will go to their cantonments in efficient, organized bodies rather than as a disorganized rabble and with a spirit of self-reliance and comradeship. All the strangeness of the new life will have been eliminated, and, since the men will have been taught what lies before them, they will face duty with the confidence of familiarity."

"The military instruction will comprise only the simplest evolutions, with particular emphasis upon military courtesy—when, where, how and whom to salute. A general supervision of this phase of the training for uniformity and efficiency will be conducted by the government military authorities. Armories, public parks and squares, public school playgrounds, etc., will be utilized for the actual drilling. Drills two or three times a week of an hour's duration will be preferable to longer periods at less frequent intervals."

Fitted for Officers. "Competitive drills will be arranged to stimulate interest and enthusiasm. One of the advantages of the plan will be that the men who prove most proficient in the preliminary training will have an excellent chance of being selected as non-commissioned officers when they arrive in camp."

GENERAL CONTRACTORS. NOTARY PUBLIC.

The National Investment Co.
Real Estate and Rentals

We sell, rent, build and repair. If your house or houses are in need of repairs, turn them over to our repair department, and save money.

We have houses in all parts of the city, and you can readily see each and every house or at least 75 per cent of every house you rent or buy of this firm. You will find yourself in a better house as well as neighborhood. The best is not good enough for our clients.

We are the owners of the National Cleaning and Service Company, Omaha's largest cleaning establishment. We occupy the entire second floor, where you can get anything from a shoe shine to a legal paper signed.

We buy, sell or exchange anything. For quick results on whatever you have for sale, list it with us.

The National Investment Co.
We Do Public Stenographic Work. Miss Viola Crawford, Priv. Sec.

NIMROD JOHNSON,
President and General Manager,
2709 Leavenworth Street. Second Floor.

4704 South 24th St. Phone South 701

M. SWANSON
FLORIST

SOUTH SIDE OMAHA, NEB.

H. DOLGOFF
FURNITURE AND HARDWARE
STOVES, RUGS, LINOLEUM

Better Goods for Less Money. Credit if You Wish.

OPEN EVENINGS

1839-47 N. 24th St. Phones—Webster 1607; Webster 4825

Avoid the Perils of Malaria Poison

If you have germs of malaria in your system you are in peril. Heed all such warning as chills, sudden fevers, headaches, lassitude, etc. Such symptoms indicate that the germs are getting the upper hand and are destroying your blood's life principle. Take

Smith's Anti-Bilious Physic

It will eliminate the poisonous germs and speedily restore vitality. Now is a good time to take this remedy. Take it now and avoid the serious results which may come from delay.

PRICE 25 CENTS

FOR SALE BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

Anti-Bilious Medicine Co.
BOX 1069, HOUSTON, TEXAS

A Church Where All Are Welcome

Services
Sunday School, 10 a. m.
Preaching, 11 a. m., 8 p. m.
League, 6:30 p. m.
Florence P. Leavitt Club, Monday afternoon.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday Evening.
W. H. M. S. Thursday Afternoon
Ladies' Aid, Friday Afternoon.

GRIFFIN G. LOGAN,
Res. 1628 N. 22nd. Web. 5003

GROVE METHODIST CHURCH
22nd and Seward Sts., Omaha, Neb.

MAGIC HAIR GROWER AND STRAIGHTENING OIL

MME. JOHNSON AND SOUTH

The most wonderful hair preparation on the market. When we say Magic we do not exaggerate, as you can see great results in the first few treatments. We guarantee Magic Hair Grower to stop the hair at once from falling out and breaking off; making harsh, stubborn hair soft and silky. Magic Hair Grower grows hair on bald places of the head. If you use these preparations once you will never be without them. Magic Hair Grower and Straightening Oil are manufactured by Mesdames South and Johnson. We also do scalp treating.

Magic Hair Grower, 50c. Straightening Oil, 35c.

All orders promptly filled; send 10c for postage. Money must accompany all orders.

Agents wanted—Write for particulars. We carry everything in the latest fashionable hair goods at the lowest prices. We make switches, puffs, transformation curls, coronet braids, and combings made to order, matching all shades a specialty. Send samples of hair with all orders.

2416 Blondo St., Omaha, Neb.
Telephone Webster 880

MAJORS
CARED HAIR and BEAUTY PREPARATIONS

MAJORS
CARED HAIR and BEAUTY PREPARATIONS

MAJORS
CARED HAIR and BEAUTY PREPARATIONS