

Black Americans Brave Warriors

Uncle Sam's Colored "Soldier Boys" Are Winning New Triumphs Almost Daily—French General Decorates Two Black Soldiers for Conspicuous Gallantry—Fighting Hourly With White Comrades in Arms, Both French and American—Help Capture and Retain Several Towns a. Villages—African Blacks Also Do Valiant Service—Sing Their Great War Songs as They Advance—Kaiser Objects to Black Americans.

WITH the American Army in France—That the Colored American soldier is in the thickest of the fray, giving a good account of himself, is attested by high French officers, who have nothing but words of praise for the valorous conduct of their black brothers in one common cause. In a recent interview, Lieutenant James Black said: "It is a mistake for the Colored people of the United States to feel that their boys are being shoved to the front against their will. The fact is, it is hard to keep them from going too far. Only yesterday two Colored troopers were called before the entire regiment while a prominent French general pinned crosses of honor on their breasts and kissed them on both cheeks. These men will be sent home on a furlough to tell their own story."

This is the French method of showing admiration for a great accomplishment.

The old 15th New York infantry, now the 369th, has seen a deal of fighting, being the first Colored regiment over here and their first man to fall in battle was Corporal William Stephens, who formerly resided at 52 West 139th street, New York City. This brave warrior lost his life in General Foch's great counter attack upon the Germans in the Soissons-Chateau Thierry salient. Lieutenant James Reece Europe, former band leader of the 369th regiment, has been transferred to the machine gun company.

In the recent attack the French subject peoples, Algerians, Tunisians, Moroccans and Sengalese (black) were in the thick of the fighting and bore their part of the struggle. Sengalese battalions were distributed among the French divisions and stormed behind the tanks in advance of the white Frenchmen. Other black soldiers from Africa covered themselves with great glory in their charge, singing their war song "If I go forward I die, if I go backward I die; better go forward and die." With this cosmopolitan army giving fight to them the Huns were unable to withstand the allied attack.

Here is the official record of Fako Doumbia of the 51st Sengalese battalion serving at the observation post of the trench: He was three times buried by projectiles, three times released himself and resumed his post with the greatest calmness and cool-headedness, continuing on duty until relieved by the commander of the company.

In the Rheims sector the 370th (former 8th Illinois) infantry, commanded by a black officer, Colonel Franklin A. Denison, has given a good account of itself and several of the men have been cited for unusual bravery. This regiment forms a part of the 92d division and its attacking strength played no small part in the recent allied victory. Americans, both black and white, Englishmen and Italians, fought between the French in this great drive. The terrific fighting of these Colored Americans has caused Kaiser Bill to emit an awful howl about "black men being employed by the allies to kill white men."

SOUTH AFRICANS HARD FIGHTERS

British Headquarters in France, via Ottawa.—The South Africans who took part in the successful attack at Meteran on the Flanders front on July 17, came from all quarters of that dominion and included a goodly portion of the Dutch settlement. Forming the right wing of the British force they advanced farther and faster than any of the other units.

Advancing behind a smoke screen and wearing gas masks, the South Africans took the enemy by surprise, although having some trouble with the enemy shell craters and cleverly concealed machine gun nests. Their casualties, considering the measure of their success, were comparatively light.

The enemy so far has not attempted a counter attack on the new British positions.

THE RED CROSS OFFICIALLY ENROLLS FIRST COLORED NURSE

Jackson, Tenn.—Miss Frances R. Elliott has been officially enrolled as nurse in the American Red Cross, the first Colored woman to be accepted.

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Make one stitch at a time, the largest rent will mend;
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One noble act each day will sweeten night's repose.

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A kindly thought for all—the poor, the weak, the lame;
A friendly word of cheer, neither censure nor blame.

Offer a helping hand to comrades in distress;
Do all you can today to heal, to soothe, to bless.

CARRY ON!

Life is a strange mixture; joy and grief and sorrow;
Blessings coming one day, trials on the morrow.

When troubles come in shoals, grit your teeth, and tackle;
Learn to overcome them; don't waste time in cackle.

CARRY ON!

Banish the "Hymn of Hate," and join in songs of love,
For hatred drags men down, so aim for things above.

Our soldiers, sailors, airmen, fearless, full of nerve,
Vie with one another, to do or die, to serve.

CARRY ON!

Now you who cannot fight to bring back peace to earth,
Must sacrifice your wealth for the dear land of your birth.

Don't growl or fume or fret, but give a helping hand;
The Empire is in need: can you not understand?

CARRY ON!

Honour our heroes all—the maimed, the halt, the blind—
Who freely yield up life or limb to serve mankind.

Succor the noble women whose sad and silent toll
Has not been paid in vain if Britain finds her soul.

CARRY ON!

"THE DAY" is drawing night when the arrogance and lust
Of haughty Lords of War shall humble in the dust;

Both hate and war shall cease, love's banner be unfurled,
Then universal peace shall reign throughout the world.

CARRY ON!

September, 1916. W. J.

The above beautiful poem was written by Walter Jones of Stourbridge, Worcestershire, England, and the proceeds from its sale amounting to more than \$500 was given to the Soldiers' and Sailors' hospital fund. Monitor readers will appreciate the spirit of the poem and especially so since America is fighting with England and our allies for universal peace.

WILL ESTABLISH A SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' REST

Jamaica, N. Y.—A movement is on foot to establish a soldiers' and sailors' rest for enlisted men from Camps Mills and Upton, who come here in large numbers. A mass meeting was

held on the 15th inst., and it is hoped that in the near future a house will be secured where the men may go and sit and read and socialize.

MADAME HACKLEY A SPECIAL GUEST AT TUSKEGEE

Tuskegee.—Madame Hackley has been a special guest here for five days. She was invited by the principal to give a series of lectures on folk music to the teachers of the summer school. She gave an interesting course of three lessons to more than 150 teachers and spoke at three meetings to all the summer school.

ORGANIZE BANK

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