

### The Negro At War Work

Washington, D. C., Oct. 3.—War department officials state that since the officers' reserve training camp at Fort Les Moines, out of which came 639 Colored commissioned officers, and prior to the establishment of the training schools at Camps Taylor and Pike, 114 Colored men were commissioned as officers in infantry, eleven in cavalry and thirty-five in field artillery; 107 officers in infantry came out of the recent class at Camp Pike and thirty-three in field artillery came out of Camp Taylor last month. The foregoing summary gives a total of 941 Colored officers graduating from the officers' training schools, and these figures are exclusive of those commis-

sioned in the medical reserve corps and in special branches of the service, both over here and abroad, and the count does not embrace the officers of the national guard and those in the regular army.

The war college at Washington advises that there have been registered 207 white labor companies, 200 of which were sent overseas before their organization was entirely complete. This is positive evidence that these labor battalions are not confined exclusively to Colored membership, as has been intimated in some quarters.

A Colored Woman's Volunteer Service league of Newark, N. J., has been organized as a branch of the mayor's committee of the woman's committee of the Council of National Defense, and has opened headquarters at 249 Mulberry street, where Colored soldiers may be made "at home" and entertainment provided for them. A suitable building is to be secured for the establishment of a canteen for the benefit of the soldiers. Some of the officers of this voluntary service league are: President, Mrs. Amorel Cook; secretaries, Mrs. L. M. Holmes, Mrs. M. E. Burrell, Mrs. E. E. Hilton and Mrs. Emma Wormiey; treasurer, Mrs. Louise Hilton.

Mr. J. E. Blanton, in co-operation with the war department commission on training camp activities, is doing effective work in various camps in organizing "liberty choruses" among the Colored soldiers and in instructing them in the technique of plantation melodies, folksong singing and the standard "spirituals." He is introducing with great success Natalie Curtis Burlin's newly conceived and most happily harmonized folksong, "A Hymn of Freedom," which is set for singing to the tune of "Ride On, Jesus, Ride On."

Opportunities for the entrance of competent Colored men in the veterinary corps are now open. Information relative to this branch of the service may be had by addressing Major Ray J. Stanclift, assistant director of the veterinary corps, Washington, D. C.

New barracks are being built at Howard university and Atlanta university for the accommodation of the young men who are coming in from all sections of the country to take the military training along with their academic studies and for the vocational classes that will come from draftees who will be assigned there by local boards or army camp officials. The opportunities offered young Colored men through the committee on education and special training are being seized with eagerness, and so rapidly has the demand for this type of education grown, and so potent are the results noted, that the government's policy of thus turning out specially trained men for its manifold needs is meeting with universal approval and

is to be continued indefinitely. By next July it is estimated that 20,000 young Colored men will have received this training in some of its forms.

Charles Harris, leader of the Commonwealth band of Baltimore, Md., has been appointed assistant band leader and will soon go to France with one of the Colored organizations. After six months he will be made a second lieutenant.

High officials in France are said to be exceedingly fond of the "jazz" music furnished by the Colored bands. General Petain recently visited a sector in which there are American troops and had "the time of his life" listening to a Colored band playing the popular "jazz" music, with some Negro dance stunts in keeping with the spirit of the melodies. He warmly congratulated the Colored leader upon the excellence of the work of his organization and thanked him for the enjoyable entertainment that had been given him.

Colored men, serving as privates, who have abilities along any special line will find it to their advantage to acquaint their company commanders with the nature of their qualifications, and this may lead to congenial assignments in keeping with their mental or technical attainments. There is always something for a man to do who is of proved ability or special equipment.

There are now forty-one Colored chaplains in the United States army. It is expected that Colored chaplains will be provided for service at Camp Lee at an early date.

Colored members of the Committee of One Hundred, who are authorized to present the war aims of the government, are getting into touch with the State Councils of Defense in their respective localities and are thus lending themselves effectively to the programs marked out for the particular needs of the several states.

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Mrs. Litisia Ross wishes to express her appreciation to their many friends who sent floral offerings and condolences at the death of her son, Elmer Carter.—Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Patton, Mrs. Leticia Ross.

#### NOTICE

All boy scouts of Troop 23 are requested to meet at Mt. Moriah Baptist church, Sunday, October 6, at 2:30 p. m. FLOYD MAXEY, Scout Scribe.

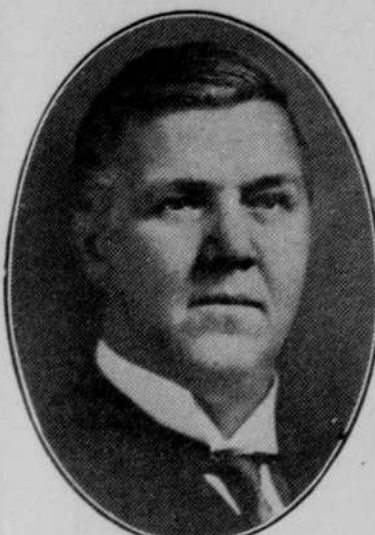
Mr. Walter Irvin, whose three brothers, Lanson, George and Jasper, have been called in the national army, has received a card from Lanson that he arrived safely overseas.

Mrs. Lizzie Britten has received word that her son, James W. Britten, has arrived safely overseas. He left camp August 5 and is with the medical corps.

#### 39,808 COLORED MEN CALLED TO SERVICE

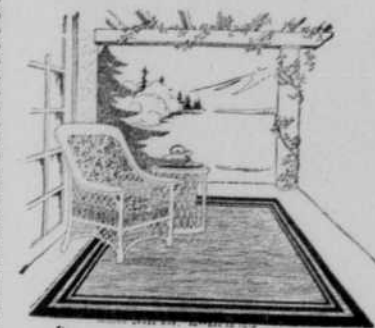
Washington, Sept. 28.—Draft calls announced by Provost Marshal General Crowder will send 181,838 men qualified for general military service to army camps before October 16. All states have quotas to fill. Of the total 142,000 will be white registrants, who will entrain between October 7 and 11. The remainder will be Colored, who will move in two groups, 29,016 entraining between September 25 and 27 and 10,752 on October 16.

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