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achievement. They are enrolled in every successive Officers' Candidates school. Negroes are a part of the Navy since June with opportunities for specialists' ratings and petty officer ranks, and of the Marine Corps, where they may attain the highest enlisted rank of master sergeant.

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REPRESENTED PROPORTIONATELY

The number of Negro soldiers practically equals the ratio of the Negro race to the total population of the United States. This is in conformity with a War Department announcement in October, 1940, that "the strength of the Negro personnel of the Army of the United States will be maintained on the general basis of proportion of the Negro population of the country" and that "Negro organizations will be established in each major branch of the service, combatant as well as non-combatant."

During 1941 this policy had been carried out to the extent that 100,000 Negro soldiers were in regular Army units brought to war strength and in brand new component parts of the new Army. But this was still peacetime. As more and more men flowed through the draft boards to the Army camps—from the cotton lands

of the Mississippi, from the factory towns of the East and the mountains and valleys of the West—announcement came late in January, 1942, of the contemplated induction of approximately 175,000 more Negroes. This figure was based upon the overall increase in the Army grows. This figure was based upon the percentage of Negro and white registrants. Because of existing shortage of housing facilities, the increase was distributed rather lightly in the early months of the year. Surprisingly fine-step ups in provisions of facilities increased materially the induction of Negroes through the late spring and summer.

TWO DIVISIONS AUTHORIZED Two entire Negro divisions have been authorized for activation. One the 93d Infantry Division of 13,000 men, the first all-Negro division in the history of the United States Army, was activated in May with headquarters at Fort Huachuca, Ariz. A field artillery battalion as a nucleus of a setup which will eventually establish a complete 92d Division of Negro troops, is being activated.

In addition, there are several Negro infantry regiments, a Negro cavalry brigade, Negro tank destroyer battalions in the armored force, and two Negro pursuit squadrons in the Army Air Forces. Other important Negro groups in the Army include coast artillery and anti-aircraft units, quartermaster signal corps, engineers, medical corps, ordnance, chemical warfare, corps of chaplains, and others. The 24th and 25th Infantry regiments and the famous 9th and 10th Cavalry regiments of the regular Army have given distinguished service in most of the campaigns of the last half century in which American troops have been engaged.

Detachments of Negro troops in the Regular Army in the closing months of 1940 included the following: 24th Infantry, Fort Benning, Ga.; 25th Infantry, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; 9th Cavalry, Fort Riley, Kansas; 10th Cavalry, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, Fort Meyer, Va., and U. S. Military Academy, West Point, New York; Field Artillery school detachment, Fort Sill, Okla.; Army War College Detachment, Washington, D. C.; Engineer school Detachment, Fort Belvoir, Va.; 41st Engineers, Fort Bragg, N. C.; 31st Quartermaster Regiment, Langley Field, Va., Codman Field, Ky., Pope Field, N. C., Barksdale Field, La., and MacDill Field, Fla.; 47th Quartermaster Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash. and Fort Sam Houston, Texas; 48th Quartermaster Regiment, Fort Bragg, N. C., Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Sheridan, Ill., Hahlabrd QM Depot, Baltimore, Md., Fort Jackson, S. C., Fort Custer, Mich., and Fort Ord, Calif.; 76th Coast Artillery, Fort Bragg, N. C.; 77th Coast Artillery, Fort Bragg, N. C.; and First Chemical Company, Fort Eustis, Va. There were also small colored medical detachments at the United States Military Academy, West Point and at Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

Peacetime National Guard Negro units consisted of the 369th Infantry of New York and the 184th Infantry of Illinois, both of which had served with distinction in France in the first World War; the 372d Infantry with battalions in Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and Ohio, and a single company in

the District of Columbia. In the wartime expansion, the 369th became the 369th Central Postal Directory, and the 184th became the 184th Field Artillery. These have now been greatly augmented. While in reality, it is not possible to give a complete picture of the Negroes in the armed service because of military restrictions, and because of the further expansion of the Army, a fairly good idea can be had from the above of the part the Negro is playing in Uncle Sams forces. There the color line is becoming fainter.

In so far as possible Negro troops serve under officers of their own race. It is estimated that this is true today of approximately 75 percent of the troops, with the percentage accelerated every month. Almost any day if you could look in on the Basic and Advanced Flying School for Negro Air Corps Cadets at Tuskegee, Ala., you might see a handsome young Negro officer climbing into an advanced trainer. Inquiries would reveal him as Lt. Col. Benjamin Oliver Davis Jr., of Washington, D. C., commander of a pursuit squadron at the school, and one of three regular Army officers who are Negroes. His father is Brig. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, who first entered the military service in 1898 during the War with Spain. Brig. Gen. Davis now is on duty in Great Britain. Before Pearl Harbor, Gen. Davis had retired but was called back to active duty. The third regular Army Negro line officer a second lieutenant in peacetime, and recently promoted, is 1st Lt. James Fowler of the 366th Infantry.

RESERVE OFFICER NUCLEUS When President Roosevelt approved the first peacetime conscription bill in the United States on Sept. 16, 1940 and when the Army began to call in reserve officers there were only about 500 Negro reserves and national guard officers available including medical officers and chaplains. Today, the picture has changed. More than 1,000 Negro officers are serving Negro troops at present. Approximately 800 Negroes are now being trained in officers' candidates schools and about 300 more are entering officers' training schools every month. In addition, medical officers and chaplains are commissioned direct from civilian life, as are some specialists whose experience is useful to the Army.

Referring to outstanding Negro officer candidates, coming into the Army as privates and winning their way through competition to assignment to officers' schools Judge William H. Hastie special Negro consultant to Secretary of War Stimson has this to say: "The officer candidates thus selected and trained are first-rate soldiers who are making first-rate officers. They had to prove that they were good soldiers and potential leaders before they were selected. They had to establish their ability and character in competition with their comrades. Moreover, Negro officer candidates are attending classes and participating in field exercises with other outstanding young Americans of every race and religion from every part of the country."

DEMONSTRATE LEADERSHIP "These soldiers have been and are a living demonstration that ability and leadership are not racial characteristics. It is to be remembered that many of their classmates have never had an opportunity to work with or even to observe Negroes equipped by training and experience to compete with them on a basis of equality." Judge Hastie predicts that before the end of 1942 more Negro officers will be on active duty than served during the entire last war, "with the total steadily increasing."

The same facilities and programs for the Negro servicemen are not yet provided in all camps, but authorized construction of more Negro service clubs and other facilities and the constant planning for future needs are beginning to remedy the lack. The Army realizes the need for the wholesome, feminine influence inside camp as well as in the communities adjacent to the camps and

elsewhere. For that reason, hostesses and librarians are qualified high-type women. Sixty-six Negro hostesses and 15 Negro librarians are on duty in camps at present, with an anticipated employment of 55 hostesses and 11 librarians in the near future.

Five million Negro women of the United States are proudly watching the training of Negro women as auxiliaries and in the officer candidate school of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps at Des Moines. On Nov. 16 two companies of auxiliaries, numbering 300 women in all, reported at Fort Huachuca, Arizona home of the all Negro 93d Division. (Watch for the fifth article in the series telling of work by Negroes in a Chicago arms plant.)

POWELL SCORES FILIBUSTER New York, N. Y.,—Returning from what he termed "the lynching of Democracy in the Senate of the United States," Rev. A. Clayton Powell this week addressed at Abyssinian Baptist Church the final mass meeting of the annual membership campaign of the NAACP New York Branch on the failure of anti-Poll tax.

Scoring the filibuster by which a bourbon majority killed the Pepper anti-poll tax bill on November 25, Rev. Powell urged that every citizen in Harlem use a membership in the New York Branch of the NAACP to fight the forces of fascism in America. The NAACP drive which was launched here on November 9 has set for its goal a membership of 10,000. Mr. Randall E. Tyus, NAACP Assistant Field Secretary who in December will become executive secretary of the Baltimore NAACP Branch has been conducting the drive. Mr. Lionel C. Barow is president of the N. Y. Branch.

HUDSON COUNTY JAIL RELEASES 4 OF 70 NEGRO "WITNESSES" Jersey City, N. J.,—Four of the ten Negro women who have been held incommunicado without charges as "witnesses" in Hudson County jail for the last 6 months have been released it was announced by Thurgood Marshall, NAACP Special Counsel. The first of the women to be released was freed because of the sudden death of her mother. Six of the women remain in the Jersey jail.

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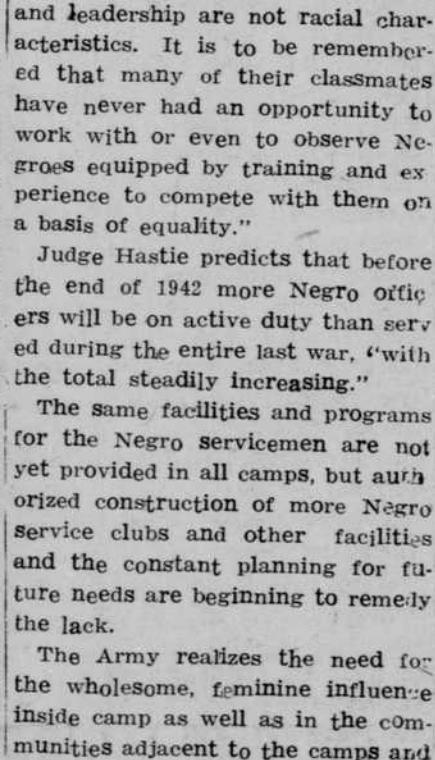
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Soundphoto—The Allies are in control in French Morocco and along the Mediterranean in North Africa except in Tunisia where the Nazis are savagely fighting the American and French forces. Rommel's African Corps are still fleeing from the British in Libya but are cut off from their comrades in Tunisia by American troops.

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