

# "I want...?" and before Order is Known 12 Weary Negro Seabees Step Forward

AFTER TWO DAYS OF UNLOADING SHIPS UNDER SHELL FIRE (by Technical Sgt. Donald A. Hallman Sr., of 51-01 39th Avenue, Long Island City, N. Y., a Marine Corps Combat Correspondent.)

of unloading ships under enemy fire, were lined up on the beach here. "I want volunteers for stretcher bearing on the ridge tonight," an officer was telling them.

And 200 Negro Seabees stepped out as one. The incident is typical of the record chalked up by the Seabee battalion, that landed immediately behind assault waves of Marines here and

has been working night and day since. They unload ships, wrestle ammunition and heavy supplies to the beach dumps, carry ammunition to the front lines, and bring back wounded. On occasion they have filled in as frontline troops, and for more than a week they have been going forward to drag in wounded marines.

These Seabees had seen no action until Peleliu. Then they joined the assault. They had more than 100 casualties in the first week, many received during the landing when Japanese artillery and mortar fire was ripping the coral reef, others from mortar fire on the beaches and among the supply dumps, and still more from enemy fire at the front.

From the first they worked up to 16 hours a day, unloading supplies on the floating docks out at the edge of the 600-yard wide coral reef. They were under constant mortar and artillery fire.

On the beach they had to handle the heavy ammunition and vast stores of other supplies to the various dumps. Here they were also endangered by mortars, by snipers and on occasion, by Jap machine gunners

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### MISS JANE A. FREEMAN, 22, First Negro Woman Enters WAVES

Sworn in 8 am. Monday Three Negro women, including two officer candidates and one enlisted recruit, were sworn into the Women's Reserve in Boston and New York City, Monday morning, November 13 under a Navy Department plan, approved by the President, for the acceptance of Negro women into the WAVES.

The first Negro woman in the 1st Naval District to complete her application and to be sworn into the Women's Reserve was Miss Jane A. Freeman, 22, of 164 Walnut Avenue, Roxbury, Mass. She was sworn into the service as an enlisted WAVE at 8 a. m. Monday by Capt. L. D. Causey, USN retired, Director of the Office of Naval Officer Procurement at Boston.

Two hours later, in New York city, two other Negro women were sworn into the service as apprentice seamen and officer candidates by Lt. Rosamond D. Sells at 33 Pine street. They were Miss Harriet Ida Pickens 35, of 260 West 139th Street, and Miss Frances Eliza Wills, 28, of 315 West 113th Street; both of New York City.

Miss Pickens and Miss Wills were scheduled to report to Smith College for training on November 15. Upon successful completion of training, Miss Pickens will be commissioned Lieutenant (JG) and Miss Wills will be commissioned an ensign. Miss Freeman, the first Negro enlisted WAVE in the New England area will be one of the first group of Negro recruits to enter "boot" training at Hunter College, New York City, about January 1, 1945.

Miss Pickens graduated from the Smith College in 1930 with an A. B. degree cum laude and did graduate work at Columbia University from 1930 to 1933—no degree. From September 1931 to June 1932, she was an instructor at the Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, North Carolina. From 1934 to 1939, she was a project supervisor under the recreational program for WPA in New York City. From June 1939 to the present, she was executive secretary of the Harlem Tuberculosis and Health Committee in New York City. Miss Pickens was born in Talladega, Alabama, on March 17, 1909.

Miss Wills graduated from Hunter College in 1938 with a B.A. degree. She received a M.S. from the University of Pittsburgh, in 1943. This degree was in biology, social administration, speech and dramatics. From 1936 to 1940, she worked in the employment department of the YWCA. On West 137th street, New York City from February 1940 to September 1941, she was a secretary in the New York Protestant Episcopal Mission Society. Since November 13 last year, she has been a case worker for the State Charities Aid Association in New York City. This work is primarily devoted to investigation of families in connection with child adoption. Miss Wills was born in Philadelphia, Pa., on October 8, 1916.

Miss Freeman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Freeman of Roxbury, Mass. She attended Roxbury Memorial High School, graduating in 1940. While in school she was drill leader, on the ring committee, and on the senior council. She has been employed as an inspector by the Dewey and Almy Chemical Company. Navy life will not be entirely new to Miss Freeman. She states that in the Civil War her grandfather, Abraham Fenno, was in the Navy.

Rev. Chandler To Conduct Great Revival REVIVAL—2734 BLONDO The First Mission of the God Sent Light, wishes to announce a joyful Gospel Feast starting Monday, at 8 p.m., November 20th in the Chapel of Our Church Home.

Jim Crow Hits Famed 92nd Negro Fighting Division Urges Immediate Vote On Permanent F.E.P.C.

Somewhere in Italy, (PPNS) — The long arm Dixie jim crowism has reached out from its citadel of prejudice in the South and palmed the 92nd Division combat team, which has played a heroic part in driving the Nazi "Supermen" from this front. The division, composed of all Negro troops and commanded by colored and white officers has heretofore enjoyed the privileges of a democratic rule. However, with the transferring of Major Gen. Edward Almond, division commander from Fort Huachuca to head of the division a new policy of racial discrimination looms on the horizon.

en. Almond has expressed his intent quite clearly of subjugating Negro officers for the sake of white officers, who according to his actions must have no peer in the Negro ranks. It was further revealed that in the future replacements for officers' positions will be filled by white. At this early date the transferring of six colored Lieutenants to be replaced by white officers has been reported.

It has been feared by some that these new unfavorable conditions would result in a drop in the morale and efficiency of the crack division. However the remaining colored officers and men seem determined, in spite of the racial change, to maintain the splendid record they have established by their valorous showing upon contact with the enemy.

Chicago, (PPNS) Pretty Doris O'Neil, one of the nation's most beautiful and popular dancing beauties is reported to have taken her life in Los Angeles, Calif. Sunday last, where took up residence four months ago after becoming married to a serviceman. The chorine was one of the original Regalettes and had "front lined" at New York's Cotton Club, the Windy City's rand Terrace Cafe and other popular spots. She was married several years ago to Joe Peterson and has one son, Joe Jr, who lived with her at the time of her death. The cause of the suicide was not learned at the time of this writing.

Liberty, Miss. (PPNS) In typical Dixie fashion, Southern justice thumbed its nose at lady justice this week when an all-white jury exonerated Noble Ryder Dixie lyncher, who along with five of his ilk brutally slayed Isaac Simmons, 65 year old preacher, because he refused to vacate his 220 acre farm. It is very likely that the other culprits will be released without further hearing. The action came as no surprise to those familiar with the distorted views of southern law authorities.

REPORTED MISSING IN ACTION CAPTAIN CHARLES F. GANDY

Daring commander of a company of the 92nd Infantry Division now fighting with the Fifth Army in Italy who was reported missing in action by the War Department on November 3. Captain Gandy, the first officer of the Negro division to be promoted in the field by Lieutenant General Mark W. Clark, won the admiration of his men because he wouldn't ask a soldier to do anything that he wouldn't do. He made his home in Washington, D. C. (U. S. Signal Corps Photo from BPR.)

New York—Following the announcement that hearings on FEPC are to be resumed November 16, the NAACP has taken the position that facts on discrimination in war industries and government are so well established, further discussion of the Bill for a permanent FEPC, are unnecessary.

Tyler Butler Charged with Manslaughter On Tuesday morning, manslaughter charges were filed against Tyler Butler, 27, of 2224 Maple street, in connection with the fatal stabbing of Henry E. Mease, Bomber plant worker, early Sunday morning. Mease resided at 2122 North 21st street.

White musicians, who have enjoyed pleasant relations with their colored contemporaries and rate them by their merits and not by the asinine practice of differentiating because of color, were equally indignant over MCA's attempt to adopt jim crow policies. Jimmy Middleton popular white musician, promptly quit the show upon learning of the intended discrimination. Local 802 immediately dispatched a message to Paul Baron, band leader on the show stating that the union would stand no discrimination of musicians because of political opinion, color, creed or religion.

Chicago, (PPNS) The Chesterfield programs which have become famous by their presentation of top flight bands three times a week over station CBS, were the object last week of a concentrated attack by musician's Local 802 and Chesterfield smokers who rose up in vigorous protest against MCA's decision to discontinue the use of Negro bands and musicians, who have played a large part in popularizing these programs. Such celebrated stars as Teddy Wilson, Louis Armstrong, Count Basie, Roy Eldridge and many others have appeared on these shows for the same reason as stated by Chesterfield's motto—"They Satisfy."

Chicago, (PPNS) Youth Conference November 17-19th TO STRESS POST-WAR THEMES. New York—Recognizing the all important part that youth will play in the post-war world, delegates to the 6th Annual NAACP Youth Conference at Virginia-Union university November 17-19 will consider the theme "Building for Total Democracy."

REPORTS \$60 THEFT June Andres, 1818 North 29th st., told police Tuesday, that her billfold containing \$60, was stolen while she was in a 24th and Lake streets tavern

CONGRESSMAN STATE LEGISLATORS RETAINED Chicago, (PPNS) In a sweeping victory over his opponents, Congressman William L. Dawson defeated William E. King, Republican in the Democratic FDR. landslide here on Tuesday, November 7. Other winners shown in the picture are left to right: Fred J. Smith, member of the Illinois General Assembly, Alderman Wm. H. Harvey (congratulating Dawson), Corneal A. Davis, also of the Illinois General Assembly. Other winners in Chicago area were: Charles J. Jenkins, Charles M. Skyles, and Dr. Edward A. Welters, all members of the Illinois General Assembly.

John Carter Gets 10 Yrs. John Carter, who until last Monday, had steadfastly denied the shooting to death of Mrs. Wesley last June, pleaded guilty and threw himself upon the mercy of the court, thereby eliminating the task of selecting a jury to try him on first degree murder charge.

Under pressure MCA reported that they issued the order upon the bidding of higher ups, who directed such action. Evidently officials of the radio show soon realized that stupidity of such a move, for the order was hastily retracted and colored stars have been welcomed back with opened arms.

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Among the prominent speakers who will appear are Adam Clayton Powell, Jr., newly elected Congressman from New York; Ella J. Baker, Director of NAACP Branches; Rev. James H. Robinson, Church of the Master, New York City; Aziz Pabini, All India Students Federation; Gloster Current, Executive Secretary, Detroit Branch, NAACP; and Rabbi Edward E. Klein, Free Synagogue, New York City.

TUSKEGEE MEDICAL DIRECTOR RETIRES Tuskegee, Alabama (PPNS) The faculty and student body of Tuskegee Institute filled the school auditorium to pay high tribute to retiring Medical Director, John A. Kenney, who during his many years of faithful service has won many friends and became a beloved figure to students on the campus, who always looked to him as the "student's friend."

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SAYS HE'S NO KLU KLUXER Los Angeles, Calif., (C) Hal Styles, Democratic candidate in California's 15th district in the last election, has filed a \$1,000,000 libel suit against the Los Angeles Examiner for maliciously calling him a member of the Ku Klux Klan.

MARIAN ANDERSON TO SUPPORT BOND DRIVE New York (C) Marian Anderson, and other stars will support the 6th War Loan Drive beginning on Nov. 20th. The Beauticians Volunteer Corps will hold a rally to help sell \$2,000,000 in war bonds for the Mme. C. J. Walker ship.

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MARVA LOUIS, opening at Hollywood's famed Trocadero night club, November 16th, for a singing engagement, selects with care her winter chapeaux in-between shows at Washington's Club Bali. A Calvin News Service Photo.

Marva Looks to Hollywood... Detroit, (PPNS) Following close theatrical world has caused a sensation is scheduled to invade the bright lights of Hollywood at an early date. It is expected that her first appearance will be at the famous Trocadero, from which many stars have catapulted to the heights of their career.

### Dixie Lynchers Freed By All White Jury...



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Alma Vessells is newly named assistant to Mrs. Estelle Massey Riddle, consultant in Negro nursing for the National Nursing Council for War Service. A native of Philadelphia, Miss Vessells is a graduate of Harlem Hospital School of Nursing and holds a B.S. degree from New York University School of Education. She came to the Council from directorship of the Harlem Y.W.C.A. School for Practical Nurses.

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