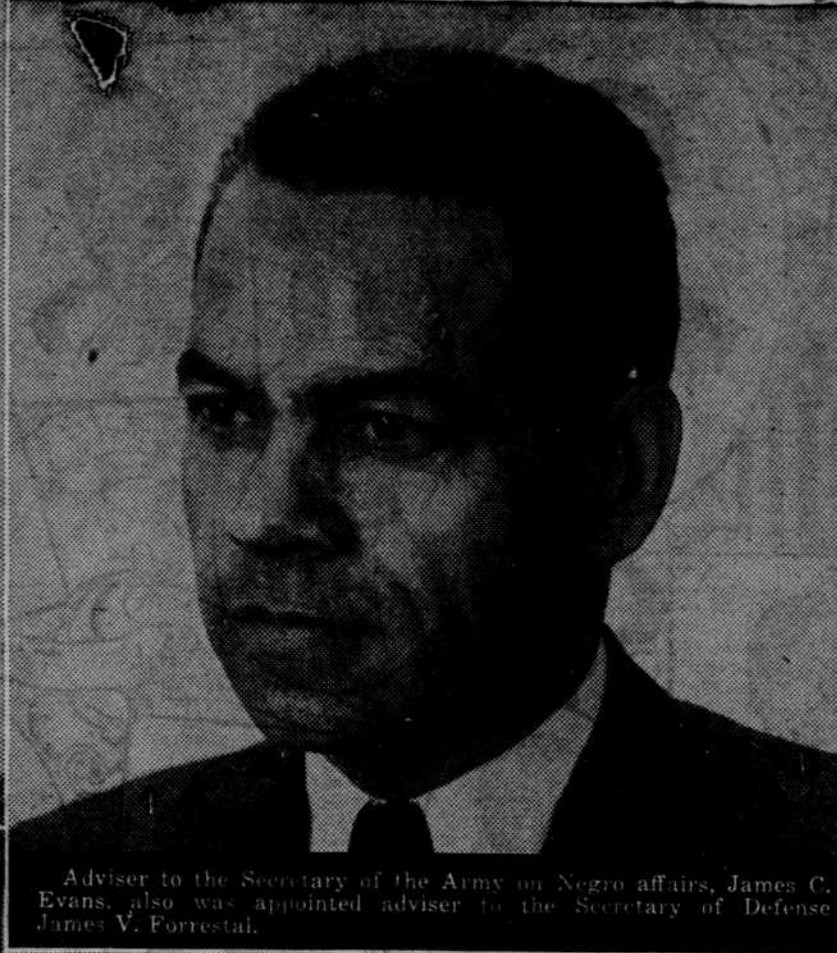


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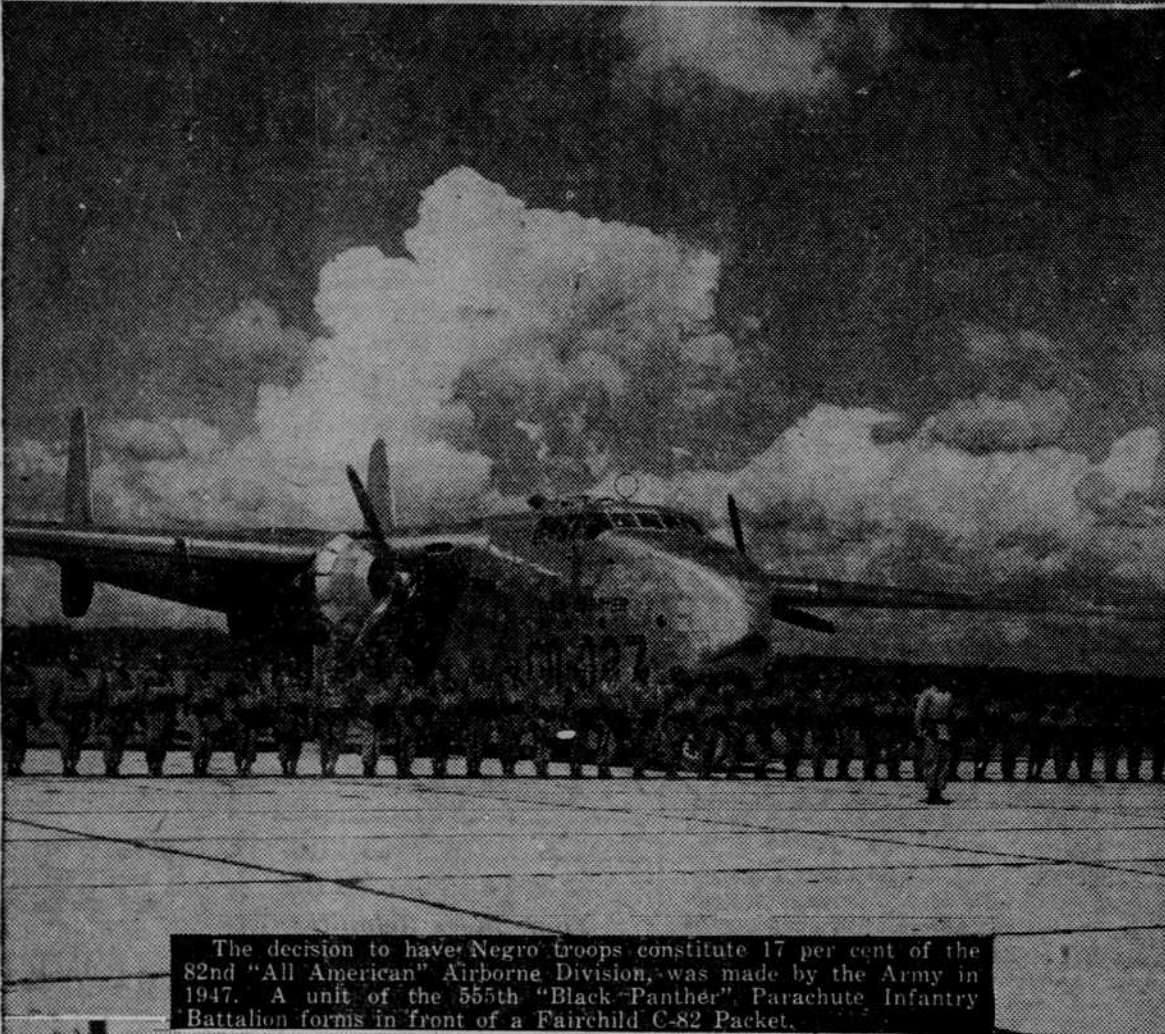
During the year many chaplains were decorated for their war work. Among them was Bishop John A. Gregg of Kansas City, Kansas, shown above being presented the Medal for Merit by the Secretary of the Army Kenneth C. Royall. Also, during the year, among the 14 American Clergymen who made a European Survey for the Secretary of the Army was Bishop William J. Walls of the AME Zion Church of Chicago.



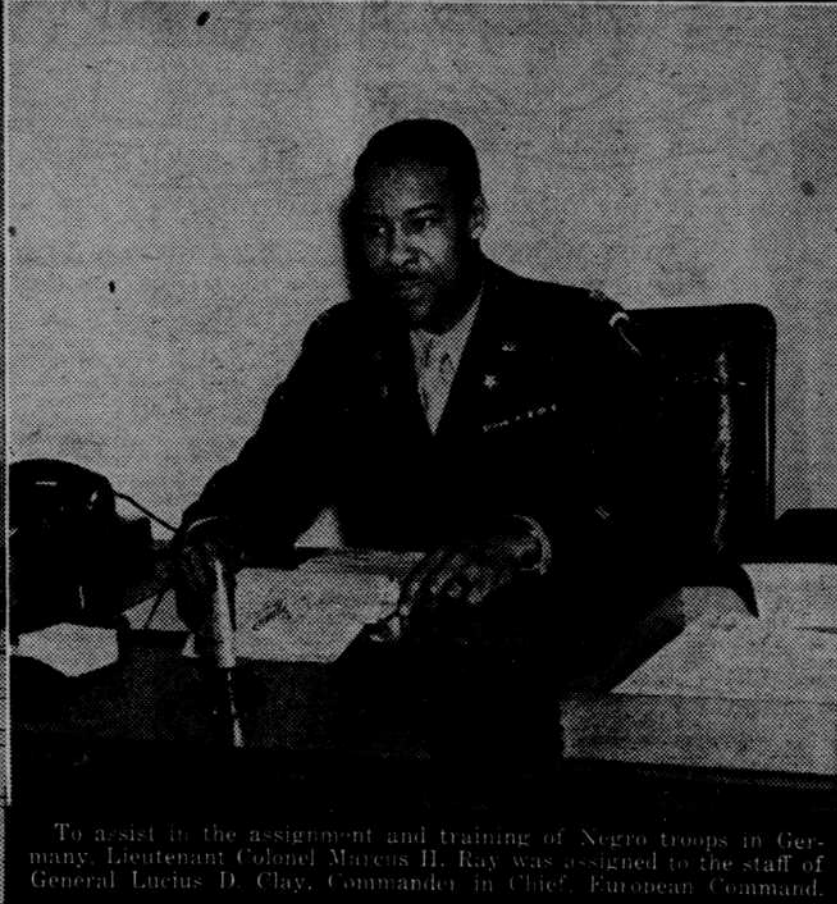
Adviser to the Secretary of the Army on Negro affairs, James C. Evans, also was appointed adviser to the Secretary of Defense James V. Forrestal.



As part of the occupation forces in Japan the 24th Infantry Regiment, an integral part of the 25th Infantry Division performed a variety of duties, among them, providing a special honor guard for Emperor Hirohito during an inspection tour of the Prefecture where the Unit is stationed.



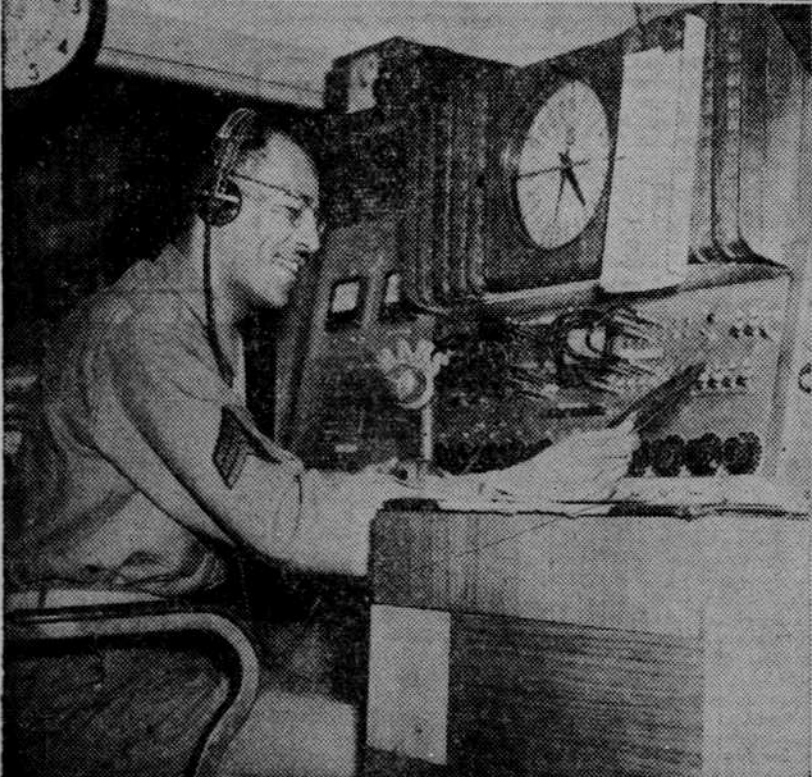
The decision to have Negro troops constitute 17 per cent of the 82nd "All American" Airborne Division, was made by the Army in 1947. A unit of the 355th "Black-Panther" Parachute Infantry Battalion forms in front of a Fairchild C-82 Packet.



To assist in the assignment and training of Negro troops in Germany, Lieutenant Colonel Marcus H. Ray was assigned to the staff of General Lucius D. Clay, Commander in Chief, European Command.



At Fort Belvoir, Virginia, troops were taught how to swim, and how to get along with each other.



The year saw GIs taking advantage of many of the technical and administrative courses offered by the Army and profiting by practical experience and application. Sergeant Julius C. McKenzie of Ashbury Park, New Jersey, learned the technique of radio announcing by studying during his off hours, now he is station manager of WABS at Aberdeen Proving Ground in Maryland.



The year found many Negro troops in Germany being formed into Infantry units. The platoon shown above is assigned special guard duties in Berlin.



Many Negro troops were moved from Army camps in the South to installations in other sections of the country. Above, Major General W. W. Eagles, Commanding General of Fort Dix, New Jersey, is shown addressing First Sergeant LeRuss Rooker, Mimia, Florida, during the observation of the unit's first anniversary at the post.



In Japan troops engaged in field training exercises. The year saw Antisubmarine Auxiliary units such as the one shown actively working with Infantry units in the occupation of Japan.



Army troops, during the war, helped in the construction of the Kagamiyama Airfield at Gifu, Japan.



During the war it was the Ledge Road and other large scale projects in which Negro Engineer troops participated. In 1947 they helped in the construction of the Kagamiyama Airfield at Gifu, Japan. Technical Fourth Grade Lonnie Boone of Darlington, North Carolina, is shown operating a grader on the field.