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Organization and Achievements of Colored Soldiers in the Army. TED OFFICERS OF THE REGIMENTS

Successful Careers of Four Colored Officers Now Serving in the Army-Colored Chaplains for Colored Troops.

There have long been colored men in the both the union and confederate armies; in the former more than 156,000; in the latter only a few thousand, the last months of the war, but there has never been a col- General H. C. Merriam, Brigadier General ored commissioned officer in the navy. There were ro colored officers with the nnion or confederate colored volunteers in Thirteenth infantry, and Henry Wygant. the civil war. Soon after the war there were organized four colored regiments for the regular army, two of cavalry and two of infantry, all the officers being white.

The Ninth cavalry was created under the act of July 28, 1866. Its first colonel was Edward Hatch, an Iowa volunteer captain in 1861 and a brevet major general at the close of the war. The first lieutenant colonel was the present Major General Wesloy Merritt, retired. The first majors were James T. Wade, son of Senator Ben Wade, of Ohio, now a major general; Colonel George A. Forsythe and General A. P. Other officers who have served Morrow. in the Ninth cavalry are Lieutenant General Adna R. Chaffee, Brigadier General A. Wells, Francis Moore and L. H. Rucker. The present colonel is E. S. Godfrey, a civil war soldier; the lieutenant colonel E. Godwin, and the majors C. A. Varnum, J. B. Erwin and George H. Morgan.

Lawton in the Regiment.

ments my desire to have the public know that many of the best officers of the United The Tenth cavalry was organized at States army have served with the colored about the same time; its first colonel was troops. If there he those who have any Benjamin H. Grierson, the Illinois volundoubts as to the bravery and efficiency of who became a major general in the colored men as soldiers. I suggest that they tivil war. He was colonel of the Tenth or twenty-four years. Others who have interview officers who have commanded or served with the two cavalry and the two ved as colonel are General J. K. Misinfantry regiments referred to. It is a ner and the late Generals Guy V. Henry totable fact that a great many of the and S. M. Whiteside. Officers who have outhern officers, young men as well as served with the regiment in various other positions are Generals G. G. Huntt, T. A. older ones, have chosen to serve with the colored regiments. That may seem a little Baldwin, J. Forsythe, Anson Mills, T. J. strange to the average northerner. Wint and R. H. Pratt, and Colonels W. S. Edgerley, M. B. Hughes, and E. D. Dimthought it remarkable and investigated. When asked why they have said, among The colored regiments not only just praise for their soldierly qualities other things, "We understand the colored ag Indian campaigns, but they were character. We know the ways of them ad to no troops in their bravery and people. They know us and our ways, We isney in Cuba in 1898. A part of two iments and all of the other regiments us. They are good soldiers." Colonel Markon duty in the Philippines. ley of the Thirteenth infantry served with The Twenty-fourth was organized on No- the Twenty-fourth up to his promotion to

himself a major general at the end of the war. He was one of the youngest colonels the regular army ever had. He died a brigadier general many years ago. Another of the colonels of the Twenty-fourth was Abner Doubleday, who was a captain of artillery at Fort Sumter and surrendered with Major Anderson at the beginning of the war. He, too, became a major general of volunteers and commanded a corps for some time. He assumed command of the

First corps at Gettysburg when General Reynolds, its regular commander, was killed. Other colonels were the present Generals Z. R. Bliss, J. F. Kent, H. B. There were colored volunteers in Freeman and Chambers McKibbon. Others who have served in subordinate positions with the Twenty-fourth colored infantry are Major General W. R. Shafter, Major Jacob Kline, J. M. Thompson and Colonels A. C. Markley, now commander of the now commander of the Twenty-second infantry. Another officer in the Twentyfourth, and who made a great name, was the late Major General Henry W. Lawton,

killed in the Philippines in 1899. The Twenty-fifth infantry was organized April 20, 1969, its first colonel being gallant old J. A. Mower, who had been a major general of volunteers and commander of an army corps in the civil war. Other colonels of the regiment were Generals J. Reynolds, G. L. Andrews, Andrew Burt and A. H. Bowman. The present commander of the regiment is Ralph W. Hoyt. Other well known officers who have at various times held subordinate positions in the Twenty-fifth are Generals H. W. Hincks. A. S. Daggett, Evan Miles, Mat Hooton and D. J. Cragie, and Colonel Phil Reade and Lieutenant Colonel D. H. Brush. I give as an excuse for haming so many

who have served with these colored regi-

tenant just from West Point and finding own regiment and served with it until he questions. was made colonel. Many Southern Officers.

The Tenth cavalry, whose present colonel is Jacob A. Augur, a son of the late Mayor stay with the army. Because of the army General C. C. Augur, who commanded an chools and the pains taken to educate the army corps in the civil war, has fifteen or soldiers, both white and black, it is an untwenty southerners among its present offiusual thing to find a colored soldier who cers, and a number of them are the sons or grandsons of confederate generals and offi-Another striking feature in these colored cers of lower rank. Among them is Capregiments is the entire absence of what is tain R. G. Paxton, son of the confederate General Paxton of Virginia. One of the cated to talk as white people talk, and the captains of the Tenth is a native Virginian. American colored soldiers have come to who, as a boy of 14, shouldered a musket take great pride in speaking as good Enand fought for the confederacy, C. P. glish as their white brothers. Johnson, who joined the regular army as a

private many years ago and by his deeds of daring and rare soldiership won a commission. He is the oldest captain in the regular army.

in the United States army. There are some colored officers. There is one graduate of When the Twenty-fourth infantry went to the Philippines it was sent some distance from Manila to relieve a white regiment of tive of Kentucky, born in 1864. He was trict and was so able and faithful in that volunteers. On the way to their new sta- sent to West Point in 1884, was gradu- service that he won the respect of both tion they met a regiment going to Manila ated five years later and was made a sec- democrats and republicans, and when he to start for the states. One of the white soldiers called out: "Hello, Sambo, what are you doing over here?" A tail, graceful the Ninth cavalry and for a short time with in the Mississippi assembly, one term as negro sergeant, assuming that he had been addressed, deliberately glanced up and regiment. He reached the grade of first department under President Harrison, and

volunteers. He served nearly two years in him a major and paymaster of volunteers. listed in the Twenty-fourth infantry, in There are more old men among the col- the Philippines, and is now on daty as an When the volunteers were mustered out 1961 he was made a second licutenant and red troops than among the white troops. attache at Port au Prince, Hayti. Cap-

licious, 25 in sack ...

This is explained on the ground that greater tain Young is a full-blooded negro, a thor- tain and paymaster in the regular army. numbers of them re-enlist. They like and orough and a brave soldier, a fine musician and in the course of two or three years he and in all ways a worthy man. Since he will reach the rank of major in his debecame captain white lieutenants have partment. From first to last he has been served in his company and they have got an excellent paymaster. He is a man of along pleasantly, to the credit of both the more than ordinary ability, a fine public does not read and write and do it well, captain and the lieutenants. While he has speaker, a good writer, a dignified, maniy man. He is writing a book that will atinvitations to social functions, he never tract wide attention. accepts them, and his brother officers The late Senator Hoar, in his "Memoirs," designated as "darky talk." They are edu- know that he will not. In due time he nade the following interesting reference to will receive promotion, when many white officers will be his subordinates. How will Major Lynch: "Perhaps, on the whole, it be then, and when he is a colonel and the ablest of the colored men who served has a regiment and a brigadier general and

has a brigade? Wait with patience for the commendation, was John R. Lynch of Misanswer. Another colored man, also a captain, but who during the Spanish war was a major of volunteers, is John R. Lynch, of the pay department. Major Lynch served three West Point-Captain Charles Young, a na- terms in congress from a Mississippi dis-

ond lieutenant of the Tenth cavalry. He left congress it was with the good will of candidate of their own for temporary prealso served with the Twenty-fifth infantry. all classes. Previous to that he had served siding officer. I think it was Mr. Clayton the Seventh cavalry, the latter a white speaker. He was auditor in the Treasury southern man for that purpose. The oppo-

nents of Mr. Blaine also desired to have a candidate of their own from the south. "The colored southern men were gener-

made an admirable presiding officer."

way from private to squadron sergeant ma-

jor. He applied for an opportunity to be

examined for a commission. The examina-

troop, but of the officers with whom he

tion showed him so thoroughly qualified

The Railroads And The People

Noted Colored Officers.

So far in this sketch I have spoken only

of the rank and file of the colored people

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the same president appointed him a cap- assigned to the Twenty-fifth.

Served in Recent War,

There were colored regiments of volunteers in the Spanish-American war from Illinois, Ohio, Kansas, New England and several of the southern state, and in 1899 two colored regiments of volunteers were sent to the Philippines. The latter had for field officers regular army captains and licutenants, and many of the company officers were taken from the sergeants and corporals of the Ninth and Tonth cavalry and the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth with me in congress, althought each of infantry, colored regulars, and they made the gentlemen I have named deserves high good officers. Recently the president appointed George S. Thompson, a noncommissizsippi. I had a pleasant acquaintance sloned officer of the Twenty-fifth infantry, with him when he was in the house. He and educated, thoroughly disciplined soldier was afterward fourth auditor of the treas- a lieutenant in the Philippine scouts, and ury. I was the means of procuring for he has been ordered to duty in the farhim a national distinction which much away islands. So it will be seen that the gratified the men of his color throughout doors of promotion have not been closed the country. The supporters of Mr. Blaine against the colored soldiers, who have many in the national convention of 1884 had a times risked their lives in defense of their country and its flag.

The custom for a long time has been to of Arkansas. It was desired to get a have a colored minister for chaplain in each of the four colored regiments. Three of the present chaplains are college graduates and all are thoroughly well informed, forceful public speakers, exerting a wholeson ally Blaine men. I advised them to nomi- influence in their respective commands and nate Lynch, urging that it would be im- reflecting honor upon their race. In speakpossible for the southern colored people, | ing of one of these chaplains a captain of whatever their preference might be as a one of the colored regiments said: "Yes, he candidate for the presidency, to vote is a colored man, but he is the ablest writer against one of their own color. Lynch in this regiment." That particular chaplain was nominated by Henry Cabot Lodge, has written for the best magazines in the afterward my colleague in the senate, and country. Rev. Allen Allensworth of the seconded by Theodore Roosevelt and Twenty-fourth infantry was appointed in George William Curtis. Lynch presided 1886, and last year, under a new law, by over the convention during the whole of virtue of long service, he was promoted to the first day and a part of the second. He the rank of major. The other three have the rank of captain. Rev. T. G. Steward, In July, 1898, Benjamin O. Davis, a colored Twenty-fifth infantry, was appointed in man, was appointed first lieutenant of a 1891; Rev. G. W. Proleau, Ninth cavalry, in colored volunteer regiment which went to 1895; Rev. W. T. Anderson, Tenty cavalry, Cuba. At the expiration of his term he en- in 1897 .- Lieutenant Colonel J. A. Watrous listed in the Ninth cavalry and won his

Fresh Air Treatment.

Remarkable results in curing children of tuberculosis are being obtained by the fresh air treatment at Coney Island, acthat he was recommended for and appointed cording to Health Commissioner Thomas a second lieutenant in the Tenty cavalry, Darlington of New York. The treatment early in 1961, Within six months he was at Sea Breeze, West Coney Island, is the in command of his troop, then stationed on modern hygienic one-fresh air, sunshine the island of Pansy. He was sent to a rest and good food. The children are kept troublesome community, and while there in open pavillons or tents and soon show was attacked several times, but handled improvement. The Association for Improvhis soldiers with such skill and bravery that ing the Condition of the Poor is in charge, the enemy was thoroughly subdued. Lieu-The activity of the society is not confined tenant Davis, like Captain Young, is modto tuberculosis. It has to provide at Sea est, manly, competent and always courte-Breeze for a large number of convaleacent ous, and has the respect not only of his women, children and babies.

serves. He was recently advanced to first Bee Want Ads Produce Results,