

At Work or Play These "Reconstructed" Yanks Can More Than Hold Their Own

COLORED HEROES TO CAMP MEADE SOON

(Continued from First Page.) of him contributed largely to the success of the regiment. This citation only hints at the real accomplishments of Major Dobbin, according to his men. He is only twenty-seven years old.



Ready for a game on the tennis courts with the best of them! The skill of the army physicians has given him a good substitute for his trusty right arm. Tennis is one of the most popular sports the Walter Reed convalescents enjoy and it is a big factor in restoring their health and high spirits.



The village smith never had anything on this determined hero who is seen here prepared to fit "Old Dobbin" with a shoe or attend to acetylene welding, whatever the demand may be. Drop into the machine shop out at Walter Reed and you will be amazed to see that the individual at work is rendering good service—with his left arm off just above the elbow.



Ready for a hot one right over the plate! Reconstruction miracles at Walter Reed Hospital have enabled this Yank to enjoy the national pastime, even though a part of his good left arm was left in France. "Made-over" soldiers at Walter Reed are given athletic instruction. One of the teachers is Lieut. Fred Hall Thomas, who, as Freddie Welsh, was formerly lightweight champion of the world.

with the distinguished service cross. He received one of his medals for carrying a wounded soldier to shelter, while under a heavy enemy barrage, and the other for gallantry and bravery in action. "A rather peculiar, but interesting incident occurred in France. Shortly before we left Camp Merritt, New York, to come overseas we had our regiment first sergeant, Eric Wurfel, Wurfel took the examination for a commission, but was turned down because of his physical condition. Before he left us in New York he remarked to me, 'I'll get in this fight, if I die doing it.' "The next I heard of him was when I went to the drive at St. Quentin to accompany some soldiers. Well, I met him there, he was a member of the King's Own, a regiment organized at Liverpool, England. He had enlisted at Nova Scotia. When I met him he told me he had been all over France fighting.

Chaplain's Diary Tells Story of D. C. Colored Soldiers in Great War

CAMP UPTON, N. Y., Feb. 15.—The Times today procured the war history of the old First Separate Battalion, District National guards, now a part of the 372d infantry, just back from France with high honors won on the battle fields. The record of the 400 colored men from Washington is contained in a diary kept by Lieut. Arrington S. Helm, chaplain of the Washington unit, and a graduate of Howard University, whose home is at 1825 Gales street northeast. This diary is believed to be the only written history of the war record of the colored men from Washington and narrates the activities of the members of the District unit from the day they sailed for France from Newport News, on March 30, 1917, until the armistice was signed.

By Lieut. ARRINGTON HELM. March 30.—Embarked from Newport News, Va., for overseas duty on the U. S. S. Susquehanna. April 14.—Disembarked at St. Nazaire and marched to rest camp. April 21.—Left rest camp, Base Section No. 1 and entrained for Vaucoeur. April 23.—Arrived at Vaucoeur at 7 p. m. Left Vaucoeur at 8:30 p. m. and hiked in a heavy rainstorm for Conde-en-Perros. April 25.—Assigned to school under French officers. May 26.—Left Conde-en-Perros at 5 a. m. in French motor trucks for Les Senades. May 29.—Our regiment today took over the sector designated as "Argonne woods." May 31.—In front line trenches. June 29.—Changed sectors, being assigned to the Vauquois sector, a sub-sector of the Verdun front. The 157th division is stationed in reserve. The enemy is expected to attack. July 13.—Left for Hill 30 40n the Verdun sector. Colonel Young has been relieved from the command of the regiment and Colonel Herschel Tapes has assumed command. July 25.—Left Hill 30 40n and moved over to Hill 304. Arrived at Hill No. 304 at 9 p. m. August 16.—Heavily shelled by new regiment of Austrians opposing us. Two Americans and one Frenchman in regiment killed. Lieutenant Sanford captured. August 20.—Second Lieut. James A. Sanford, Company A, 372d Infantry, captured by the Germans. August 21.—Fought by French and German planes over our lines. Very exciting. September 8.—Left Hill No. 204. Relieved by 129th Infantry of the 137th division. Hiked in rain and mud. September 14.—Arrived at Juzanvigny at noon. September 17.—Left Juzanvigny for Bechem-la-Chateau at 8:00 p. m. Passed through Brienna-la-Chateau and reached Vitry-la-Francois this afternoon. The city is near the Meuse. September 18.—Hiked to Jessecourt. All colored officers left the regiment today. Sept. 25.—Arrived at Hane. The regiment was in action in the vicinity of Ripont. The third battalion took up a battle position near Ripont. Sept. 29.—The third battalion went over the top. The Germans are in retreat. Our positions are being bombarded. The machine gunfire is terrific and 88-millimeter shells are falling as thick and fast as hailstones. We are unable to keep up with the enemy. This afternoon it is raining. This makes it bad for the wounded, of whom there are many. Sept. 30.—The first battalion is now on our right and advancing fast despite the rain and mud. The machine gun opposition is strenuous. Our casualties are small. We have captured a large number of prisoners. Give Germans No Rest. Oct. 1.—Our advance is meeting with increased opposition. The enemy has fortified himself on a hill just

Here Are D. C. Yanks Back From Battlefields

- The following Washington soldiers, just returned from France, today are at Camp Upton, N. Y., preparing for transfer to Camp Meade, Md., where they will be discharged. William Davis, private, 14 Logan place northwest. George Dickens, private, 418 First street northwest. Walter Dyer, private, 820 Callahan's court. Calvin Irvin, private, 628 L street northwest. John R. Johnson, private, 731 Sixth street southeast. Richard H. Jackson, private, 1815 Vermont avenue northwest. John Keays, private, 1828 Thirty-second street northwest. Russell Lewis, private, 454 Kings court northwest. Stannard Lee, private, 923 R street northwest. Philip Monroe, private, 1417 Tenth street northwest. Raymond B. Minor, private, Deanwood, D. C. Floyd D. Partillo, private, 1201 Rhode Island avenue northwest. James Skinner, private, 18 G street northeast. Roscoe Simms, private, Sheridan road, Anacostia. James T. Scales, private, 622 M street northwest. Charles Smith, private, 918 West-ninth street northwest. Nathaniel Thompson, private, 1235 Callburg place southwest. Seymour Williams, private, 742 Lamont street northwest. George E. Weems, private, 1017 1/2 L street northwest. John A. Johnson, first sergeant, 1117 New Jersey avenue northwest. George E. Budd, sergeant, 2012 Fourth street northwest. Norman Jones, sergeant, Rupper-Hill, D. C. Charles F. Carter, sergeant, 1330 Ford street northwest. Earl Alexander, sergeant, 1429 Q street northwest. Walter Parker, sergeant, 2715 Fourteenth street northwest. William Johnson, sergeant, 2445 Nichols avenue, Anacostia. Ernest G. Edwards, sergeant, Fifty-seventh street, Grant Park. John R. White, corporal, 1310 D street northwest. John F. Kelly, corporal, 612 New York avenue northwest. John Dorham, corporal, 2451 K street northwest. Frank A. Thompson, corporal, 1332 T street northwest. Arthur Dawson, corporal, 315 K street southeast. Louis Jefferson, corporal, 3225 Prospect avenue northwest. Judson B. Minor, cook, 401 Thirty-seventh street northwest. Clifton Davis, private, 1628 Fifth street northeast. Leroy Brown, private, 802 Twenty-fifth street northwest. Frederick Lee, private, 34 DePree street northwest. Leon Clindsay, private, 165 N street southeast. Edward W. Rigney, private, Wilford road, Brightwood, D. C. George W. Robinson, private, 4 Summer street, Anacostia. Raymond Savoy, private, 213 Eleventh street southeast. Leroy Sells, private, 9 Fenton street northwest. John Tibbs, private, 729 Thirteenth street northwest. Nathaniel Young, private, 412 First street southwest. Warwick F. Alexander, private, 1429 Q street northwest. Jesse J. Ashton, private, 238 Fourteen-and-a-half street northeast. Augustine Bell, private, 1111 Twenty-first street northwest. Raymond Boone, private, 17 P street terrace.

Ex-District Guardsmen, Back From Front, Tell How Their Buddies Died

CAMP MERRITT, N. J., Feb. 15.—The Washington men in the first infantry unit of the old District National Guard to return to the United States of America from France are camped here today, preparing for transfer to Camp Dix, N. J., where they probably will be demobilized and given discharges. These Washington men now are known as the 163d infantry, "Forty-first division," which debarked from the Leviathan at Hoboken, N. J., late Tuesday night, from Brest, France. The 163d infantry was formed from Companies I, N, L and M, Third infantry, of the former District national guards. The stories being told in Camp Merritt today reveal, for the first time, the adventures of the Washington men in the 163d infantry in France. Sergeant Alvin J. Fraile, of 1224 First street northwest, and Corporal Edmund Hemphill, of 1909-N street northwest, were foremost among these story tellers. "The accomplishments of the District national guardsmen in France hardly can be described. We left Hoboken in December, 1917, for Brest, and landed at Liverpool, England, on Christmas Eve. A short time later we arrived at Havre, France, and on January 25 reached Locortine, where the old Third Infantry of the District guards was broken up. The Washington men were sent to the front at once, only noncommissioned officers being held back. Because of their training and experience these noncoms were given the task of instructing the thousands of men who were arriving in France daily. I was among the thirty-one Washington men who for twelve months instructed men in the use of hand grenades and other war implements. "About February 1 we were sent to the instruction schools at Mont Richard and St. Aignan. We were told that our work was to instruct recruits in the use of the gas masks, handling of large hand grenades, hand grenades, and the using of any warfare implements. "When our work was started we handled about 500 men a week. Gradually the number became larger, and by June, 1918, around the time of the battle of Chateau-Thierry, the District men together with several hundred men from Monmouth, taught over 5,000 soldiers a week 'how to fight' when they were sent to the front. "Fraile says the impression the people of Washington held that these men were safe behind the lines was wrong. "After we trained them, we personally had to accompany them to the front line trenches," Fraile said, "and during these trips to the front numbers of men were 'knocked off' or wounded. "Corporal Hemphill added to the story of what became of the old Third Infantry, District national guard. Hemphill is a member of the headquarters company, 163d infantry regiment, to which at least 200 men are attached. He says: "Twelve months ago yesterday more than 1,000 men from Washington, D. C. went into the trenches. Hardened by their vigorous training while stationed on the 'border' during the Mexican war, these men were sent face to face with the enemy within forty days of their landing overseas. "Sauers First to Die. "The first day's casualty was Ferdinand Sauers, who was killed. Sauers knew that he was going into a place from which he probably would not come out alive, and yet he never flinched from the task confronting him. He was the first District National Guardsman to be killed in this war, and he is proud of him. "When Sauers was knocked off there was a heavy enemy barrage. The District soldiers, Sauers was from Langdon, D. C., and just before he entered the trenches he remarked to one of the men, 'God knows I am going to do my part. If I don't get

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(Continued from First Page.) dra line to say about the Administration and the President. The most interesting "Bolshevik" demonstration of all, as Mr. Tuohy, of the World, points out, is supplied by gentlemen whom Sir Edward Carson, enemy of home rule, describes as "loyal and patriotic Orangemen." Those loyal, patriotic gentlemen in Belfast have been ACTING while Irishmen further south have been talking and protesting. The "loyal," "patriotic" Orangemen of Belfast have started a "Bible 'Soviet' of their own, the first of its kind in Great Britain. When they strike, they smash your windows if you have a light in the house, and they have just decided to keep it up and stop all transportation in Belfast. The British, accustomed to such forceful enterprises in the neighborhood of Tullamore, Cork, and Phoenix Park, must be surprised to receive this "jolt" from "loyal, patriotic" Belfast. There ARE many gloomy spots on the pages of newspapers. But it isn't ALL gloom. President Wilson tells the French that he will return to celebrate a first-class settlement of all his difficulties. He says it is in his favorite talking-to-Congress tone: "Do it or I will know the reason why." Those that know him are inclined to think that he will hold the celebration as scheduled. That's one bright spot. And today in New York, three thousand first-class colored fighters just back from France are to parade, and then eat a dinner consisting of three thousand chickens. They will be led by a band of one hundred, commanded by Lieut. James Europe. That name, itself, is a bright spot.

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