

TRUMAN ASKS FOR FEPC

TO BE DISBANDED IN MARSEILLE

MARSEILLE, France — The 614th Tank Destroyer Battalion, out of which came the first Negro soldier in Europe to receive the Distinguished Service Cross and the second to receive this award in the war just ended, arrived in Marseille to be disbanded.

Among the elements are gunners of the third platoon, Company C who were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross at Climbach, France, last December 11 for outstanding performance against the enemy.

It also was during this unit's spearhead attack led by the 414th of the 7th Army's 103rd Infantry Division, that Captain Charles L. Thompson, Detroit, Michigan, and former company commander, distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism in action while shouting his way through the Siegfried Line in a blaze of fire from enemy machine guns, artillery and machineguns.

The heroic captain received the DSC last February 23, after suffering wounds in the chest, legs and arms.

During its 135 days on the line, from December 9 to the end of the war, the unit fought in campaigns in Northern France, the Rhineland and Central Europe. All together its members were decorated with one Distinguished Service Cross, 12 Distinguished Unit Citations, eight Silver Stars, 23 Bronze Stars and 79 Purple Hearts. One officer and six men were killed; five officers and 37 men were wounded and 10 officers and 20 men were captured.

The first detailed account of what happened at Climbach, France is related here briefly:

The mission was that of a tank force whose objective was to storm and capture the small but strategically important French town of Climbach — five miles from the German border and the last town in France before the vaulted Siegfried Line. Upon reaching the outskirts of Climbach, the third platoon of Company C was halted by a terrific hail of fire from weapons firmly entrenched in the surrounding woods and hills overlooking the route of approach. The platoon was subjected to enemy small arms, mortar and heavy artillery fires. Three-inch guns were then set up and accurate and deadly fire was directed at the enemy positions.

At the height of the battle enemy infantry converged on positions from surrounding woods and then from the top of the platoon. While a few members of the gun crew remained at firing the three-inch guns, others manned machine-guns and individual weapons, laying down a devastating curtain of fire which repulsed the attack. An ammunition shortage developed.

The gun crews, then reduced to two men each, grimly struggled for (Continued on back page)

VETS OF IRAN AND GERMANY SUPPLY TROOPS FOR OCCUPATION

ANTWERP, Belgium — After nearly two years' service in Europe and the Middle East, Headquarters Company and Medical Detachment, 7th Quartermaster Battalion is set up in this Belgium port city to handle supplies for U. S. troops remaining in Europe. The organization supervises the work of what is believed to be the only Negro Diesel trucking unit in the U. S. Army.

Before coming to Antwerp the 11th Quartermaster Group operated the Red Ball supply highway in France and participated in the crossing of the Rhine.

In Iran the 114th organized and ran an entire dispatch system for the rapid delivery of Russian lend-lease supplies through the Persian Gulf corridor.

This was a route which led for almost 1,000 miles over hot trackless deserts and through snow-covered mountain passes, 10,000 feet high to the borders of the Russian Transcaucasia. Here, at the city of Kazvin, the convoy was met by Red Army units and American supplies were rushed to the Eastern Front.

614th TANK DESTROYER UNIT DEACTIVATED

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Wm. Pierson Leads Both In Business Enterprises And Gifts In The Midwest

CLEVELAND, Ohio (ANS) — On my recent visit here it was my pleasure to meet and talk with one of the greatest little philanthropists ever to be in the Midwest area, none other than William Pierson.

William Pierson began his business career here over 15 years ago with two ideas in mind. "To light the torch for business and racial development in Cleveland," and "to help those less fortunate."

In these years of business development he has become a moving personality in Cleveland's largest business enterprises which employ more than 500 persons, and serve the masses. Such Business and William Pierson's relationship with them are: Log Cabin Chicken Shack — co-owner with Roger Price; Bowling Alley at 82nd and Cedar, president; Mitchell Studios at 91st and Cedar; Shafter Drug Stores, secretary; 55th and Woodland Real Estate Company, secretary; and the President of the Copacabana Dance Studio in the Herald Building. He is also owner of several choice pieces of real estate.

By traveling to South America, Hawaii, and Mexico on several occasions, Mr. Pierson became acquainted with the Latin-American culture and customs. Thus, it is no surprise to find in his Copacabana

Detroit Negroes Are Calm Despite Current Depression

Detroit, Mich.—(Calvin's News Service)—Detroit, the center of the automobile industry is currently engaged in a depression. More than 350,000 to 400,000 workers have been affected with recent cutbacks and the bottom is expected to be reached by Labor Day. So far, Negroes are taking the "last to be hired, first to be fired" axiom philosophically. However, they have been averaging \$40 to \$50 a week, but with the slump on, they are earning "merely unemployment compensation" \$20 a week.

Of the thing that is being done, preference naturally goes to returning veterans and male workers

Regular Army Opens Ranks For 70,000 Men

SOUTH CAROLINA TO FREE SOLDIER 'BLITZED' TO JAIL

COLUMBIA, S. C. (ANP) — Machinery to free from a two year sentence in the state penitentiary Col. Jake Sullivan, convicted and sentenced at Walterboro several weeks ago is what is known as the famous "blitz" was in full operation Wednesday.

Definitely established was that Sullivan would be out of the penitentiary in a few days, though the manner of release was not decided.

The attorney who had discussed the case with Governor Williams, said the governor expressed disgust over the "blitzing" of the soldier

TENN. GRAND JURY INDICTS ACCUSED COP

MEMPHIS (ANP) — The Shelby Co. Grand Jury last week returned indictments against two former police officers accused of criminally assaulting two colored girls. Only one of the girls, however, was listed as prosecutrix.

The indicted men, who until a few days after they were accused by the girls of rape were uniformed by a license of the Memphis department, were listed as W. T. Terry, 27 and B. J. Lewis, 26. Both are out on \$10,000 bond, being held in the state.

CHICAGO (ANP) — A six-point program has been outlined by the Colored Veterans' league to attain equal rights for Negro veterans and citizens.

World War 2 Vets Map Program To Win Equal Rights For Negro Citizens

1. To aid in the procurement of colored veterans the benefits and privileges of the GI bill of rights.

2. To cooperate with other legitimate and authorized organizations for the passage of legislation favorable to colored veterans.

3. To safeguard full political, civil, local, educational, and economic rights of colored veterans; and to secure for them equal opportunity as American citizens.

4. To promote better race relations and to foster the spirit of goodwill and the practice of brotherhood.

5. To improve the living conditions of colored veterans as well as other colored citizens.

6. By working for better housing conditions, better recreational facilities and an adequate health program for colored veterans and all colored citizens.

Byrnes Silent On Italian Colonies

White Army Officer Persecuted For Championing Negro Cause, FEPC

La. Registration Case Argued September 12

S. C. Party Leaders Told Negro Ruined by Education

Wm. Pierson Leads Both In Business Enterprises

Second Time President Implores Congress To Act

WASHINGTON (ANP) — Fair employment is one of the fundamentals of our political philosophy, and it should be an integral part of our economy.

Attending the Fair Labor Standards Act is in this act that former President Roosevelt found authority for the issuance of his executive order establishing FEPC.

The message carried complete endorsement of the principle of full employment also, and in it President Truman also referred to the economic bill of rights enacted in January, 1941.

During the years of war production we made substantial progress in overcoming many of the public evils which had existed in our country against minority groups.

Many of the injustices, based upon considerations of race, religion, and color were removed. Many were prevented. Perfection was not reached, of course, but substantial progress was made.

The FEPC is continuing during the transition period, he said, and he hoped his request made last spring to the house rules committee that the Nation bill be reported and that congress pass this legislation.

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Claims Graft Blocks Appointment of Officers

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S. C. BAITER TURNS ATTACK AGAINST JEWS

CHARLESTON, S. C. (ANP) — D. F. Jamison of Ridgeville who, a few days ago, urged open rebellion against the U. S. government in order that the FEPC and Negroes might be excluded from it, came forth Monday with an attack against Jews.

The race baiter, in a second letter to the Charleston News and Courier reiterated his attack against the FEPC and Negroes, then added Communists and refugees whom he said the federal administration had adopted and given "high positions in Washington."