

Coast Guardsmen Honored By U. S. Officials

A number of heroic Negro coast guardsmen, including several who have lost their lives in the current war, were honored on August 4 when tribute was paid to the 172,000 members of that branch of the service during the celebration of the 155th anniversary of the U. S. Coast Guard.

Approximately 400 Negro enlisted men, officers and SPARS participated in the celebration, which honored the nation's oldest fighting sea service and one of the world's most diversified fleets.

One of the outstanding Negro heroes in the Coast Guard was 26-year-old Charles W. David Jr., a mess attendant who gave his life in rescuing his executive officer and others from the icy waters of the Atlantic during rescue operations of a torpedoed transport.

The Navy and Marine Corps medal, one of the highest naval awards, was presented to the coast guardsman's widow, Mrs. Kathleen W. David, of 343 West 122nd St., New York City, on June 20, 1944, by Rear Admiral Stanley V. Parker, district Coast Guard officer, with the Davids' three-year-old-son, Neil Adrian, standing by.

Lieut. R. W. Anderson, of 291 East 8th St., Brooklyn, N. Y., the Coast Guard officer, whose life was saved by David's heroic action, was also present. Lieutenant Anderson, who had previously been decorated for his bravery during the dramatic rescue, paid tribute to the deceased: "David's bravery under the most hazardous conditions and his unselfishness in sacrificing himself was an inspiration to every officer and man on board the cutter. We were all impressed by his alertness, for his quick thinking and heroic daring in face of certain death were responsible for the saving of the lives of many men, including myself, who would be dead today."

When the rescue operations

92nd Division Donates to Negro College Fund

NEW YORK—The 92nd Division in Italy sent \$12,950 to the United Negro College Fund, and when Thomas A. Morgan, national chairman, announced it today, (Monday, July 30), he declared: "This is the most heartwarming gift in the 1945 campaign."

From Division Commander to private in the ranks, all who desired to participate in the 92nd Division College Fund drive were given an opportunity to do so, according to Division Chaplain, Louis J. Beasley, who wrote:

"The Division Commander, Major General E. M. Almond was very happy to cooperate with the United Negro College Fund this year in authorizing free will donations by members of this command to the Fund. He sends through me his very best wishes for a successful financial campaign by the thirty-two colleges concerned."

Gifts from Negro units overseas have highlighted the present campaign but it was evident that the 92nd Division conducted a highly organized College Fund effort. Many of the officers and men in the Division have attended associated schools.

"It was obvious that all wanted the efforts of the Division to be successful," said Chaplain Beasley. "In addition to the interest of commanding officers in the Fund, it was the responsibility of chaplains of the Division to keep all conscious of it. This they did exceptionally well."

He named the chaplains, who, he said, gave "excellent support." They were: Georges G. Bowser, Clifford B. Spears, William C. Grau, Finis H. Austin, Cajus B. Howell, General R. Woods, Hubert C. Jones, King D. S. Pogue, John R. Weseley, Alfred G. Dunston and Franklin B. Diggs.

Other contributions to the Fund for Negro units overseas: 24th Infantry, \$4,523; 510th Port

were nearly completed, David noticed that Lieutenant Anderson was near exhaustion from his work on a life raft off the side of the cutter. Passing the word along to the bridge, David, himself near collapse from his efforts, dived overboard and hauled Lt. Anderson back aboard. He died shortly after from pneumonia, exhaustion and exposure as the result of his heroic actions.

Thelma J. Streets In Recital At Civic Theatre

Friday evening, August 10 at the Civic Theatre Mrs. Thelma J. Streets assisted by Mrs. Clifford F. Dixon, soloist, gave a program, the proceeds to be added to the fund being raised for the purchase of the mural "Negro Women in Industry" painted by Mrs. Streets, to be presented to the city of Portland.

A large crowd attended the very interesting program. Dance interpretation, the Negro Speaks of Faith was very much applauded. After the program Mrs. Streets was presented with two lovely bouquets from her many friends.

Mrs. Thelma Streets, muralist and founder of "Negro in Labor" murals, for visual education. Several of her paintings are in leading museums throughout the United States, also many private collectors own Mrs. Streets' paintings.

Battalion, \$2,131; 1887th Engineers Aviation Battalion, \$1,137; 435th Aviation Squadron, \$1,065; 41st Signal Construction Battalion, \$1,062; 868th Engineers Aviation Battalion, \$1,041; A 24th Infantry Battalion, \$1,026; 568 Quartermaster Battalion, \$696; A Negro Outfit in the Pacific, \$515; 891st Engineer Aviation Company, \$553; Headquarters 267th Quartermasters Battalion, \$512; 4th Marine Ammunition Company, \$460; Port Companies of the 117th Port Battalion, \$385; 76th AAA Gun Battalion, \$330; 607th Ordnance Ammunition Company, \$232; 394th Quartermasters Truck Company, \$226; 892nd Engineers Aviation Company, \$214; 890th Engineers Aviation Battalion, \$181; 95th Engineer General Service Regiment, \$178; 839th Engineer Battalion, \$177; 1534th Truck Company, \$134; Headquarters, 87th Chemical Unit, \$125; and 707th Medical Unit, \$77.

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can be served for dessert, without using sugar. The syrup from canned fruit may be saved and used to sweeten other fruits, sauces and desserts. Honey may replace sugar in baked goods. These are only a few of the many ways that Mrs. America may use her ingenuity in conserving sugar.

And remember that fruits do not need sugar in canning to keep them from spoiling. The jars may be filled with juice or water instead of the usual sugar syrup. Fruits which are best suited to home canning without sweetening are peaches, apples, apricots, and cherries. Home canned fruits and vegetables are vitally necessary to help stretch the supply of commercially canned foods next winter. For variety, why not try drying such fruits as peaches, apricots, pears, plums, prunes, apples, berries, cherries, figs, and grapes. Drying makes the most of the natural sugar in fully ripe fruit. The fruit may be dried on trays in gas or electric ovens or in home dehydrators. In sunny climate, fruits may be sun-dried.

The War Production Board has announced new fabric controls designed to increase production of several items of men's and boys' work clothing. Among the items are overalls, blanket-lined overall jumpers and coats, dungarees and waistband overalls, cossack jackets, work coats, work aprons, and caps, and work shirts. More work gloves should be available soon, too. Production is being increased by a new method of granting fabric priorities. There will be more canvas flannel gloves and mittens, hot mill gloves, husking gloves and mittens, leather combination gloves and mittens, and jersey gloves and mittens.



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