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REGIMENT WHICH ROOSEVELT
DISCHARGED WITHOUT HONOR****Battalion of the Twenty-fifth United States Infantry Dis-
missed Because They Would Not "Peach"---They Had
a Fighting Record of Which Any White Regiment Might
be Proud.**

(New York World.)

Without honor?"

The hardest phrase that a soldier can hear. It means that all his service to his country goes for naught. It means that he can never again hold any position under the United States government.

And this very phrase has just been read to a battalion of United States troops—Companies B, C, and D, Twenty-fifth United States Infantry, 167 strong. They have been dismissed from the service because they wouldn't "peach."

It is not denied that some negro soldiers did "shoot up" the little town of Brownsville, Tex., last August. Thirteen were arrested by the civil authorities, but the guilt could not properly be laid to any individual. It is further held by those who think the negroes were harshly disciplined that the negroes had been insulted by the whites.

"The mistake," say those who defend the negroes, "was made when the colored battalion was sent to this intensely southern community. They were harried and nagged until at length they broke the bounds of discipline and did what no man should do."

They killed a policeman, this much is admitted; they wounded several other citizens. Then they came back to barracks and kept mum. There were several culprits, to be sure, but the great majority of the men knew nothing of the riot, which was really a row between the blacks and the whites, not a fight between soldiers and civilians. And much might be said on both sides.

At any rate there were all kinds of trouble in Brownsville because of the riot. The soldiers were kept in a state of siege. Armed men patrolled the roads, and it would have gone hard indeed for any black soldier to have tried to visit the town. Finally there came an order transferring the battalion to El Reno, Okla., and there they received the now famous order from President Roosevelt dismissing them from the service "without honor."

By order of the president the following named men who on August 13 were members of B, C and D companies of the Twenty-fifth Infantry, which took part in the trouble which occurred in Brownsville, Tex., on the night of August 13, 1906, will be discharged without honor from the army by their respective commanding officers and forever debarred from re-enlisting in the army or navy of the United States, as well as from employment in any civil capacity under the government.

Then the names—"without honor."

It was a pitiful list—a list of men who have fought in Cuba and in the Philippines and on the plains.

VETERANS WEEP AS THEY GIVE UP ARMS.

The rifles were turned in—the rifles that some of those brave blacks have carried ever since the government issued the Krag. There was Sgt. Frazer, who has served fifteen years—he wept when he turned in his brightly-polished gun. There was Sgt. Major Tahaferro, the highest non-commissioned officer in the battalion, with twenty years of honorable service behind and never a charge against him; there was Private William Dade, a veteran of twenty-two years' service, a veteran of three wars; there was Sgt. Saunders, with twenty-seven years' honorable service, and Sgt. Jackson, with twenty-eight years.

There were tears all round when such veterans as these came forward to turn in their rifles. All of them had been looking forward to a peaceful old age after thirty years of service, and the pension which they had all earned they seemed to have lost forever.

All of them had fought at San Juan and El Caney, at Malolos and Manila, Samar. Some of them had chased the murderous Utes and Sioux. But like good soldiers the 167 of them accepted their ultimatum without a murmur. Next day they had battalion drill without arms, awaiting their final discharge any day and transportation to their respective places of enlistment.

What have the negro troops done for their country?

They have fought, bled and died with heroism. They went down in windrows at Fort Fisher and Fort Wagner, white to surrender meant "no quarter." They died in droves in the "Crater" at Petersburg. The immortal "Shoo-fly" don't bother me!" was the battle song of the colored troops, "for I belong to Company G."

Go to the national cemeteries and see the countless rows of graves marked with a name and "U. S. C. 37"—United States Colored Troops. There they sleep row after row, these black boys whose lives have been gladly given for the country that made them free.

There are four regiments of negroes in the United States service. These are the Twenty-fourth and Twenty-fifth Infantry, and the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry. They have negro non-commissioned officers—sergeants and corporals—and white commissioned officers.

"These black boys will go to hell for a white officer," is a common saying in the army. Many white officers apply for detail to negro regiments, because negro companies and battalions are so easy to handle, which isn't always the case in white regiments.

The negro soldier, all army officers will tell you, is intensely proud of his uniform. A corporal is as proud of his stripes as a colonel is of his eagle or a brigadier of his star. And, led by white men, they can fight.

Ask the Spaniards. They know. It is on record that the hosts of old Spain thought it wasn't fair for us to fight white men with negro troops at Santiago. They fight well, too, when properly led.

All four of negro regiments went to Cuba when Santiago was to be taken. And, perhaps, it will be best to quote President Roosevelt himself upon the gallantry of the colored troops in that memorable fight that made possible for him the governorship of New York and the presidency of the United States.

It was the Tenth Cavalry that saved the Rough Riders in their first little fight at Las Guasimas; it was the Ninth Cavalry that went up Kettle Hill with the Rough Riders at the battle of San Juan. "don't think," said Colonel Roosevelt in 1906, "that you could get a member of the Ninth or Tenth Cavalry to go against me. In the words of one of our own Rough Riders after the battle of San Juan Hill, 'The Ninth and Tenth Cavalry are all right!'"

In describing the charge of the two outfits, the Rough Riders and the Ninth Cavalry, colored, Colonel Roosevelt said:

COL. ROOSEVELT'S TRIBUTE TO THE NINTH.

"The two regiments fired together on the blockhouse on San Juan Hill, and together they took a chain of hills overlooking Santiago, the nearest point to the city occupied by any part of the army."

"And when you've gone hungry with a man and shared all there is to share with him, you naturally feel a pretty strong tie of comradeship for him. And thus the Rough Riders felt a comradeship for the boys of the Ninth and Tenth Cavalry, because they have shown themselves brave men."

What Colonel Roosevelt said of the cavalry was equally true of the infantry. And this is what the gallant Twenty-fifth did in the same fight, as described by Stephen Bonsal, in his "The Fight for Santiago":

"It was nearly five o'clock when his most advanced regiment (the fifth), the gallant Twelfth Infantry, deployed into the valley and charged up the steep hillside, which was lined with Spanish trenches rising in irregular tiers and crowned with a great stone fort. Almost at the same moment the Twenty-fifth (colored) Infantry, the leading regiment of Miles' brigade, which had been advancing in the center, started up the hill also. The Spaniards resisted stoutly for a moment and many of our men fell before they reached the military crest. Then the Spaniards fled precipitately down the ravine and up the other side and into the town."

And thus fought the Twenty-fifth at the battle of Santiago.

These white men died that day with their negro followers in the fight that finally made Cuba free.

Ninth Cavalry, Lieut. Col. J. M. Hamilton; Tenth Cavalry, Lieut. W. S. Shipley, Lieut. W. H. Smith; Twenty-fourth Infantry, Lieut. J. A. Gurney, Lieut. J. N. Augustin; Twenty-fifth Infantry, Lieut. H. L. McCorkle. One of the wounded was Lieut. Col. Liscum, of the Twenty-fourth, afterwards killed while leading the Ninth Infantry at Peking. The list of killed and wounded among officers and men was longer in the four colored regiments than in any other four regiments that fought there.

On the official records at Washington are the names of the negroes who freely gave their lives to bullets and to disease down in the Cuban jungles. Their list is as long as that of the crack white regiments that fought side by side with them and were glad to have the black boys near at hand.

There was a private in Company D, Twenty-fifth Infantry, one of the three companies ordered to go "without honor," who was one of the two negro soldiers to capture the Spanish flag on the fort at El Caney. Six of the discharged men of the Twenty-fifth have medals of honor—the soldier's chief honor—and thirteen have certificates of merit for bravery in battle. Of the 167 men discharged without honor of fight has already received honorable discharge by reason of the expiration of their enlistment. These have suffered with the rest because they have re-enlisted in other negro regiments.

One black man was retired after the Cuban campaign because he could serve no longer. His name was George Berry, Troop D, Tenth United States Cavalry, one of the regiments that came to the aid of the Rough Riders. He was retired because of his thirty years' service under the flag. That he lived to be retired was a miracle, because he went ahead of his comrades under a merciless fire in the fight at San Juan Hill waving two little flags, the standards of his own regiment, the Tenth Cavalry, and the flag of the Third Cavalry, a white regiment.

Sergeant Berry was no over-enthusiast. He has done his bit in campaigns against the Cheyennes, Kiowas, Arapahoes, Comanches, Apaches and Utes in Colorado, Kansas, Texas and New Mexico. He didn't burst upon his officers as a man new to warfare. He just took the flags and ran fifty yards ahead, because he was a "regular."

BERRY'S HEROISM AT SAN JUAN HILL.

"Come on, boys!" he yelled, and they came, at the beck of this sabbie veteran. "Dress on the colors!" he shouted, and they dressed.

"Where did my courage come from?" he laughed, when asked about it afterwards. "It came from my chief, Capt. Ayres. When I saw him leading the men, waving his hat in the air, I just took the two sets of colors and ran ahead. No man could help doing that with such a gentleman leading me."

Capt. Ayres was a white man, and those negroes followed him to death, many of them, and the rest for the glory of it, just as white men do.

And here is the colored man's explanation of why there was any trouble at all. Really it is a white man's explanation, because it was written by Major Penrose, U. S. A.:

"On Aug. 5 Privates Newton and Lipscomb were walking along Elizabeth street, Brownsville. They met a party of ladies standing on the sidewalk talking to a man named Tate, who is employed in the customs service. To pass this party the men passed between them and a fence, single file, Newton leading. Newton claims in his affidavit that he did not touch the ladies in passing, but when opposite Tate, he drew a revolver and struck Newton on the side of the head, knocking him (Newton) down, saying: 'I'll teach you to get off the sidewalk when there is a party of ladies out walking.' When Newton rose to his feet, Tate covered him with his revolver and said: 'Damn you, leave, or I will blow out your brains.'"

Miss Donville was among the guests at an afternoon tea given by Mrs. J. A. McArthur at Ottawa, on Saturday last in honor of Miss Greta Moffatt, of Brantford.

At St. Andrew's hall in Toronto, Her Excellency wore a silver embroidered lace dress over white satin. Lady Sybil and Lady Evelyn Grey were gowned alike in white satin and lace, Lady Sybil wearing a silver tissue wreath and Lady Evelyn a unique hair ornament of soft green tulle. Mrs. Benson was in peacock blue, with tulle of diamonds and diamond peacock feathers on the bodice. P. A. Laurence, M. P., and Mrs. Laurence of Truro, N. S., are occupying apartments at 125 Nepean street for the session. Mrs. Laurence will receive on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

**LAURIE TO HELP
BREAK MONOPOLY**

Ottawa, Dec. 6.—A large delegation from Montreal waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Mr. Brodeur and Mr. Fisher in the premier's office today. The delegation comprised Mayor Ekers and Aldermen Lapointe, D. Zeris, Yates, Lavallée, Leveque and City Attorney Martineau, along with Senators Dandurand, Beique and Davis, and Messrs. Monk, Martin and Verville, members of parliament. They want to know on what terms the city can lease or buy from the government power from the Beauharnois canal for heat and light purposes.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised the delegation that the government would lease or sell the power of the Beauharnois canal to Montreal at a reasonable figure on condition that \$60,000 was immediately spent on the repair of the canal, \$20,000 for maintenance and \$1,000,000 to establish a plant. Beauharnois and Valleyfield would have to get power for municipal purposes, and Montreal would get the remainder.

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