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NEGRO OFFICER IN COMMAND OF MIXED BATTALION

MANNHEIM, GERMANY, Jan. 15 (ANP)—The commanding of a battalion by a lieutenant would be news any day because usually it's a colonel's job. But the way by which Lt. Col. Thomas P. Weeks, of Moundsville, Ala., then commander of the 244th, called Harvey into his office and asked how would he like to serve as his battalion adjutant. The colonel said he explained to Harvey that he would have to deal daily with white and colored officers, many of whom were his senior, and at first a few might show resentment.

Harvey, Weeks, said, stated that he'd like a chance at the job—and got it.

The colonel and his executive officer, Capt. Warren F. Vaughn, from Billings, Mont., received or-

ders transferring them out of the famous 244th and are now going by way of redeployment to the U.S.

Harvey was the only officer left in the battalion headquarters. According to an informed person, his assumption of the command of the unit was automatic.

Col. Weeks told me before he left that he had asked for a Negro battalion before he said "good-bye" to the Statute of Liberty. Records show that since he assumed command of the unit in November, 1944, that it has always done a bang-up job in administration. The brown Yanks handled the administrative work of the various white and colored units under it in such an expert manner, not a living soul ever grumbled or brought about complaint.

Harvey, who comes from Philadelphia, now has five white companies under his command and as many-or-more colored. They are doing everything from the baking of bread to the guarding of German PWs.

It must be added, however, that Harvey's battalion is category IV, scheduled for deactivation. This will not affect the units under it. Most of the individual companies are category I performing duty in the army of occupation.

PLAN HOMES FOR WOMEN IN LARGE CITIES

BROOKLYN, Jan. 14 (ANP)—A plan to provide homes for women in the key cities of the country was outlined here recently by the National Association of Negro Business and Professional Women's clubs.

"The first house will be opened in New York City," said Mrs. Mae S. Moore, the organization's publicity director, "and groundwork was laid for similar homes in other large cities."

Mrs. Ruth A. Handy is president of the club group.

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NEGRO ASSISTANT IN VETERANS BUREAU IMMINENT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15 (ANP)—With Gen. Omar Bradley of Veteran's administration given the blank check power of hiring doctors, nurses and technicians in veterans' hospitals without consulting civil service lists, Negro leaders in Washington feel that he will soon make an appointment of a Negro as administrative assistant in his agency.

Prominently mentioned for the post is Col. Campbell C. Johnson, who served as an assistant to Selective Service Director Gen. Hershey.

Also it is rumored that a well known Negro psychiatrist will be among the first appointees made by Bradley under his new power of appointment.

PHILIPPINE COMMISSIONER FORESEES RACE WAR

CHICAGO, Jan. 15 (ANP). — The next war will be a race war unless the United Nations face

frankly the problem of the darker peoples of the Pacific.

Brig. Gen. Carlos P. Romulo, resident commissioner of the Philippines to the United States, makes that dire prediction in an article "A Billion Betrayed" in the January Negro Digest.

Warning that the allies must make good their promises to the colored peoples in the Pacific, Gen. Romulo states that far eastern countries have "found that these promises provided freedom for white peoples caught under the Nazi yoke, but not for them. The fact that freedom was not for the brown man, not for Asia, was to them clinching proof of white perfidy."

"They looked upon themselves as a billion people betrayed, a billion people to be fought over and shuffled about in the white man's scramble for colonies again. They felt that nothing had come of their tragic struggles for freedom."

Romulo declares, "Essentially the problem of the Pacific represents the race problem of the world."

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