

RETURNING SOLDIERS OF 372ND SEGREGATED AT CAMP UPTON

SNOWDEN CASE GOES TO UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT 351st FIELD ARTILLERY AT CAMP MEADE NEXT WEEK

First Separate Co., with Other Troops of 92nd and 93rd Division Ex- cluded From "Y" Building

ANXIOUS TO LEAVE NEW YORK CAMP 'Men Are Delighted' with Idea of Being Welcomed Home. Hold A Farewell Dinner At Camp

Returned to the 372nd and
New York camp Monday with
prospect of leaving there today
for the 351st Field Artillery
at Camp Meade. The 372nd
and other troops are anxious
to leave the camp and are
delighted with the idea of being
welcomed home. They are
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Staying in the camp and
waiting for the 351st Field
Artillery to arrive. What was
said in the 372nd and other
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HERO TO GET HOME.
Albany, N. Y., February 18.—Col-
ored citizens have undertaken a
campaign to buy a home for the
late Henry Johnson, who killed

NEWPORT NEWS IS A 'LITTLE HELL'

Navy as Bad as Army in En- slaving men—Baltimorean With Two Babies and De- pendent Wife Unable to Get Discharge.

That the navy is just as bad as
the army in holding men in the
camp at Newport News and refus-
ing discharge is made public to-
day in a statement from a local
man, whose dependent wife is a
nurse on Baker street, with two
children, the oldest of which is two
years.

This sailor, whose name is with-
held for obvious reasons, was
drafted last fall, and following the
signing of the armistice filed pa-
pers for discharge December 10th.
The navy only have all applications for
discharge been refused, but he has
not been allowed a furlough to visit
his wife and family.



Transport LOUISVILLE Being Greeted By Red Cross Workers As She Docks
The Transport Louisville with a Squadron of the 251st F. A. Docking. Amid the Greeting of the Red Cross
and other Organizations. On Their Return From France.

WILLING TO SACRIFICE COLORED WOMEN

Northern Suffragists Want
Votes of Southern Con-
gressmen at any cost.

CONFERENCE WILL DIVIDE AFRICA

Article Nineteen of Consti-
tution Gives German Col-

GOTHAM BOYS TAKE HARLEM BY STORM

Thousands of People Line
the Streets and Cheer Re-
turning Heroes.

Snowden Signs Writs of Ha- beas Corpus and Cer tior- ari—Objects to Trial by All White Jury—Charges Error in Manner of Re- cording Sentence.

Artillery Men Had Rough Voyage Across on "Louis- ville.—Were not far from Davy Jones Locker—Ex- pected at Camp Meade Any Day.

(Staff Correspondence)
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A large number of Baltimore's
own boys arrived in New York
City from France last Sunday
morning. They are members of
Companies A, B, C and D of the
351st Field Artillery and they
came on the Louisville. The other
batteries are expected shortly.

When the Louisville docked at
Pier 61, North River, New York
City, men heaved a big sigh of re-
lief. The trip was especially
stormy. The Baltimore boys that
their time had come when the
transport ran into very heavy seas
Thursday night of last week. Their
light heartedness vanished, and
many were found on their knees
praying against what seemed a
trip to Davy Jones' locker. The
vessel soon struck calmer waters,
however.

The men have big stories to tell
about France and are most anxious
to get back to Baltimore to meet
loved ones and be greeted by an
adoring populace. Some want to
stroll once more up Druid Hill
avenue and others express delight
that they will be able to get to
Brown's Grove again.

Some of the troopers were de-
lighted at the fact that they re-
ceived the Afro-American while
over there and declare that it
brought to many of them the only
news from this side. A single pa-
per was sometimes read by more
than a hundred men.

The men are now at Camp Mills,
Hempstead, L. I., but expect to re-
turn to Camp Meade in a few days.

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Lawyer Jerry Smith, white, the sheriff's adviser, and States Attorney Nicholas Green at first refused on the ground that Snowden knew nothing of the proposed appeal. They further objected that the Mr. Pendleton was not authorized by the Elks and that the Snowden case had cost the state enough money without going into further legal proceedings.

Later they consented to have Lawyer Smith read the documents to Snowden, and leave it to him as to whether or not he would sign. Smith took both writs to the cell of the condemned man and read them over slowly to him word by word.

At the conclusion of the reading, Snowden signified his intention to sign the papers, if Basll, his death watch, and Rev. Benjamin Holt, spiritual adviser, so counselled. Following their advice he signed the papers in a shaky hand, and sent them back to Attorney Pendleton, who was waiting in the sheriff's office at the courthouse.

FRIENDS TAKEN BY SURPRISE

Altho it has been known for some time that Attorney Pendleton had under consideration the filing of an appeal to the Supreme Court, the move on Thursday took the friends of Snowden who have been working along other lines completely by surprise. They had expected an appeal only as the last resort, and they had not given up hopes of moving the Governor to commute the sentence to life imprisonment.

CERTIORARI LITTLE USED

While the writ of habeas corpus is frequently employed in court procedure, the writ of certiorari is very rarely used in the present day. Several prominent attorneys say that it has not been invoked within their memory.

The writ of certiorari is a demand on the part of a superior court for the records of an inferior court in order that irregularities might be corrected. It is issued on complaint of a party that he has not received justice in the trial by the lower court.

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In the writ of habeas corpus presented to Snowden, 13 allegations are made, among them that the trial jury consisted of white men only, and that the state moved the trial from Annapolis to Towson, thereby making conviction certain. It reads in part:

"When I was taken to Baltimore County, a jury was drawn composed wholly of white men, none of whom being of my race, I being a colored man, a stranger in Baltimore county. The case was widely published thruout the whole state, creating extremely favorable impressions in my home in Anne Arundel county, where I was born and resided all my life and unfavorable impressions in Baltimore county and elsewhere. After objections and reasons made against the change of venue from Anne Arundel county were overruled, there was nothing to expect but the most adverse biasness in the mind of any white jurymen before whom I necessarily had to submit my case upon the evidence."

ERROR IN PROCEDURE

The writ further alleges an error in the manner in which the jury at Towson made known its findings

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and the court pronounced sentence. The laws of the state of Maryland are said to declare that the jury must ascertain in their verdict whether the guilty party is guilty in the first degree or second degree of murder.

It is stated that the Towson jury brought in the verdict of "Guilty," only, without adding "in the first degree," and that these last words were put in by instruction from Judge Duncan without the jury first deliberating upon them.

Finally the writ avers that the record of the verdict was not entered on the docket at the time of sentence, as the law requires, but was entered on the docket the next day, "out of the presence of the jury, the court and of the condemned man."

For these reasons the writ claims that "no verdict has ever been rendered against Snowden" and that he is held in jail and about to be deprived of his life on February 28th in violation of his constitutional rights, which guarantee him "due process of law."

CASE TO BE FILED NEXT WEEK

In discussing the case with a representative of the AFRO-AMERICAN, Mr. Pendleton said that everything was ready for filing the case in Washington early next week. He said that the Supreme Court had already handed down an opinion in a similar case making it illegal for colored people to be condemned to death by juries of which no colored man was a member.

He added that he expected to see the highest court of the land do the same thing in the Snowden case. He laid stress also on the illegal and improper methods of recording the decision, in the case at Towson, and said he expected either that Snowden would get a new trial before a mixed jury, or would be set free.