

Office of the Provost Marshall.

Lexington, Ky., Sep. 1, 1917.

From: The Provost Marshall,
To: The Brigade Commander, 1st Brig. Ky. Infantry,
Subject: Clash Between Military Police and Negros.

1. Referring to the attached exaggerated account of an encounter between members of the Military Police under my command and negros, I have to report that about 1.45 p.m. today two negros and two soldiers, all somewhat the worse for liquor became engaged in an altercation resulting in a fist fight.

2. One of the negros had a revolver and a member of the Military Police - Private Quigg by name - attempted to quell the trouble and made the soldiers go about their business after which he went after the man with the revolver, the latter ran through an undertaking establishment breaking a window in his flight. In the yard in the rear of the establishment the negro gave his revolver to another negro who escaped over the back fence. Quigg engaged the negro and only succeeded in subduing him when he broke his club over the negro's head.

3. The negro was sent to the Hospital where several stitches were taken in his scalp. His condition is not serious.

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NEGROES HURT IN FIGHT WITH MILITARY POLICE

When three soldiers, members of the military police, attempted to pass thru a crowd of Negroes before a Negro restaurant on West Main street, just beyond Broadway, this afternoon about 2 o'clock, a fight was precipitated in which the three soldiers and about fifteen Negroes were engaged.

The sidewalk was blocked by the crowd of Negroes and as the soldiers elbowed their way thru their actions were resented and blows followed.

The three soldiers fought their way out of the crowd and escaped without injury, but several of the Negroes were slightly injured.

One, Clarence Reed, of Cincinnati, was arrested by the military police and was sent to Good Samaritan hospital. He was badly bruised by several blows about the head.