

RED CROSS DROPS BLOOD BAN

CAPT. DAVIS TO COMMAND 99th SQUAD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29—According to a recent broadcast from Maxwell Field, Ala. Capt. Benjamin O. Davis, Jr., will succeed to the command of the 99th Pursuit Squadron when he has finished his period of training at Tuskegee air base. He should finish the course in four months. Major James Ellison, former acting commanding officer of the unit, has been transferred.

ARMY'S GEN. MAGEE INSISTS BLOOD MUST BE KEPT SEPARATE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 29—(ANP)—Red Cross headquarters here has issued a statement that it will accept donations from Negro and white blood donors. The blood will be processed separately, so persons receiving transfusions may get plasma from their own race.

In a Washington conference two weeks ago, with, as the lone Negro member of Red Cross present, Dr. Patterson of Tuskegee, a statement was agreed on to read simply that hereafter all blood donors would be accepted.

Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Navy

Surgeon General, agreed to sign it, but Major General James Magee, Army Surgeon General, refused unless the statement said specifically that Negro blood would be kept separate and given only to those requesting it.

Magee has been consistently reactionary, originally fighting against accepting Negro blood donors, and incurring the wrath of the National Medical Association and the National Association Colored Graduate Nurses for anti-Negro sentiment.