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9th Army Corps
Staff; 3rd Bureau
No. 255

P. C. October 7th, 1918.

N O T E

The 157th, 161st and the 2nd Morrocan Divisions are leaving the Army Corps. The General commanding the 9th Army Corps addresses to them his most sincere thanks and his warmest congratulations for the glorious successes achieved by their admirable ardeur and indemitable tinacity. He salutes the brave American Regiments who have rivalled in intrepitidy their French comrades.

He cannot recount here the feats which have been performed for every one of the days of that victorious journey. They are inscribed on the conquered grounds materialized by the trophies taken by the enimes and engraved in the heart of the chief who bows before the troops and salutes them profoundly.

The General Garnier Duplossis,
Commanding the 9th Army Corps.

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157th Division.
Staff.

P. C. October 8th, 1918.

General Order No. 234.

In transmitting to you with ligitimate pride the thanks and congratulations of the General Garnier Duplossis, allow me my dear friends of all ranks, Americans and French to thank you from the bottom of my heart as a chief and a soldier the expression of gratitude for the glory which you have lent out good 157th Division. I had full confidence in you but you have surpassed my hopes.

During those nine days of hard fighting you have progressed nine kilometers through powerful organized defenses, taken nearly 600 prisoners, captured 15 guns of different calibre, 20 minimwerfes and nearly 150 machine guns, secured an enormous amount of engineering material and important supply of artillery ammunition, brought down by your fire 3 enemy areoplanes.

The red hand sign of the Division, thanks to you became a bloody hand which took the Boche by the throat and made him cry for mercy. You have well avenged our glorious dead.

Signed (G O Y B E T)
General Commanding 157th Division.