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WASHINGTON, D.C., December 4. -- Dr. Thomas Jesse Jones, who recently went to France, under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A., has just sent Mr. Emmett J. Scott, Special Assistant, War Department, the following account of the burial of a colored soldier at sea:

A colored soldier was buried at sea today. The flags on all the ships of the fleet have been at half-mast all day. It matters not that the soldier came from a lowly cabin. It matters not that his skin is black. He is a soldier in the army of the United States and he was on his way to fight for Democracy and Civilization.

The announcement of his death was signalled to every commander and every ship prepared to do honor to the colored soldier. As the sun was setting in the West, the guard of honor including all the officers from the commander to the private came to attention. The body of the Negro trooper wrapped in the American flag, was tenderly carried to the stern of the ship. The chaplain read the solemn burial service. The engines of the fleet were checked. The troop-ship was stopped for the only time in the long trip from America to Europe. The bugle sounded Taps and the body of the American soldier was committed to the great ocean and to God.

The comradeship of the solemn occasion was the comradeship of real Democracy. There was neither black nor white, North nor South, rich nor poor. All united in rendering honor to the Negro soldier who died in the service of humanity.

92d DIVISION MAKES PROUD RECORD IN FRANCE.

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Gallant Colored Fighting Machine Wins Plaudits for Successful Raids
Against Germans in "No Man's Land" -- Capably Led by
Colored Commanders.

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By RALPH W. TYLER,

Accredited Representative of The Committee on Public Information.

ARTICLE VII.

SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE - The colored people back in America can well feel proud of the record made by the 92nd Division over here, which has about 600 colored line officers, and whose rank and file is composed exclusively of colored soldiers. Here is the record of the 92nd as a combatant regiment up to November 8th, 1918:

When the Marbache sector was taken over by the 92nd Division of "Black Devils," as the Germans call them, "No Man's Land" was owned by the Germans, and here they were aggressively on the offensive. They, the Germans, held Belie Farm, Bois De Tete D'Or, Bois De Frehaut, Voivrotte Farm, Voivrotte Woods, Bois De Cheminot, and Moulon Brook. The constantly aggressive action of patrols, day and night, from the 92nd has resulted in many casualties to the Germans, and the capture of many prisoners.

Each of the places named above has been raided, as has also Epley, and patrols from the Division have penetrated north nearly to the east and west line through Pagny. The Germans have been driven north beyond Frehaut and Voivrotte to Cheminot bridge and in his desperation the Hun is attempting to destroy the Seillie Bridge, after having flooded the Seillie, proving conclusively that he regards the black troops that compose the 92nd Division as one he cannot successfully withstand. West of the Seillie river excellent results have followed the energetic offensive action of this doughty wing of the Allied Army, the Germans losing heavily in killed and wounded and prisoners. In nearly every instance, these raids made by troopers of this Division have been made under the command of colored line officers.

This record made by these colored soldiers must, of necessity, arouse the greatest enthusiasm back in "The States" and merit the plaudits of the race for the gallant fighting machine. So wonderful have been the achievements of the 92nd that the Division Commander was impelled to send out a bulletin of congratulation, to be read before each unit of the Division. This proud record must forever set at rest the question of colored soldiers following and fighting under their own officers, and it must forever establish the efficiency of colored officers, who have done splendidly under the most trying circumstances.