

### **Work of Colored Troops**

Of the three regiments of colored Infantry mentioned above, the 369th fought in the Meuse-Argonne with the 161st French Division of the Fourth Army, helping the Moroccans on September 26 to take Rip and crossing the Dormois River. Continuing the battle successfully during the next two days, on the 29th the 1st Battalion took the town of Sechault in a fierce house-to-house combat. Different battalions of the 371st Infantry, attached to the 161st French Division, in heavy fighting from September 26 to October 1, which earned from the division commander the statement that the regiment had "showed the finest qualities of bravery and audacity which are the attributes of shock troops," took the villages of Ardeuil and Montfauxelle and other important points in the Champagne some 12 kilometers west of the Argonne, while the 372nd Infantry, co-operating on the right of the 371st, but as part of the 157th ("Red Hand") French Division, captured the powerful German position on the Crete-des-Observatoires on September 28, assisted in the taking of Sechault on the 29th, and thereafter continued fighting until October 4, losing altogether 551 men and receiving the warmest praise of its division commander.

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