

The Stars and Stripes

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IN MEMORIAM

To the Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES:

Just a few lines to remind you that February 5, 1919, is the first anniversary of the sinking of the S.S. Tuscania off the coast of Ireland by a U-boat. About 150 officers and soldiers of all arms that boarded the ship January 23, 1918, in New York now lie under the sod and dew in the Isle of Islay, in the Irish Sea.

Their sacrifice is not listed with those of the heroes who had a chance to make the Hun pay before they gave their last drop of blood that this nation might not perish from the earth.

The Mobile Laboratory of the 32nd Division, consisting of two officers and four men, were among the last to leave the ship on an English destroyer, as our boat was smashed by the explosion. The senior officer was transferred to a base laboratory soon after our arrival in France. The rest of the smallest unit in the A.E.F. have worked with the 32nd Division since our arrival in France, and are now in Germany.

At this time the organization wishes to thank the civilian and military folk who treated us so kindly in Ireland and the American Red Cross in England.

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