

Dogon beliefs is available in English in the chapter which he contributed, in collaboration with Dr. Germaine Dieterlen, to *African Worlds* (1954). At the time of his death he was engaged in preparing a detailed and definitive presentation of the great mass of material collected in the course of his field studies over the past eight years; this study was to have consisted of several volumes, the first of which has been virtually completed; its publication will be eagerly awaited.

Griaule was a most effective public speaker. His sincerity and his intellectual power were equally evident in formal addresses and in discussion. He was a master of luminous exposition, of the telling phrase and the pungent rejoinder. Although his own work was largely concentrated in the specialized field which he had made peculiarly his own, he recognized and encouraged other approaches. He did much to advance ethnological research in France and to secure recognition of the importance of social studies; as Professor of Ethnology in the University of Paris from 1942 he interested himself in the training of students and in securing facilities for the pursuit of field studies; as a Conseiller of the Union Française he devoted much time and energy to furthering the harmonious development of the peoples of French West Africa.

The Institute's Executive Council at its recent meeting recorded its recognition of his great qualities and his services to scholarship, and expressed its sympathy—in which all our members will wish to share—with his family and his colleagues in France.

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DAVID TAIT

IT is with sincere regret that we record the sudden death at Accra on 7 April 1956 of Dr. David Tait. In 1949, soon after graduating from University College, London, he was appointed to a Lectureship in Anthropology in the University of the Gold Coast, where he gained the respect and warm affection of his colleagues and pupils. He was already known and appreciated among Africanists for his ethnological and linguistic field studies, and for a number of papers in which he had presented some acute analyses of the social system of the Konkomba peoples in the Northern Territories of the Gold Coast. He had recently embarked on an extended programme of research among the Dagomba. Tait's untimely death at the early age of 44 has cut short a most promising career while much of his valuable field material is still awaiting publication. It is greatly to be hoped that means may be found for making the results of his thorough and scholarly researches generally available. Our sympathy is extended to his wife and colleagues.

Dr. Tait died before he was able to correct the proofs of his article: 'The Family, Household, and Minor Lineage of the Konkomba', of which Part I appears in this number and Part II will appear in the next number of *Africa*.