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In February 1917, the First World War troopship Mendi sank after a collision in the English Channel. Almost 650 men, many of them black South Africans, perished in the freezing water.
This is their story.

This pack complements the teaching of history and citizenship at Key Stage 3 (England) and Grades 7-9 (South Africa). It can be used to support a visit to Delville Wood Memorial in France, where the We Die Like Brothers exhibition about the Mendi was opened in summer 2015, or it can be used to explore the First World War in the classroom. With the help of the Royal Navy and others this pack was revised and enhanced to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the loss of the Mendi in 2017.

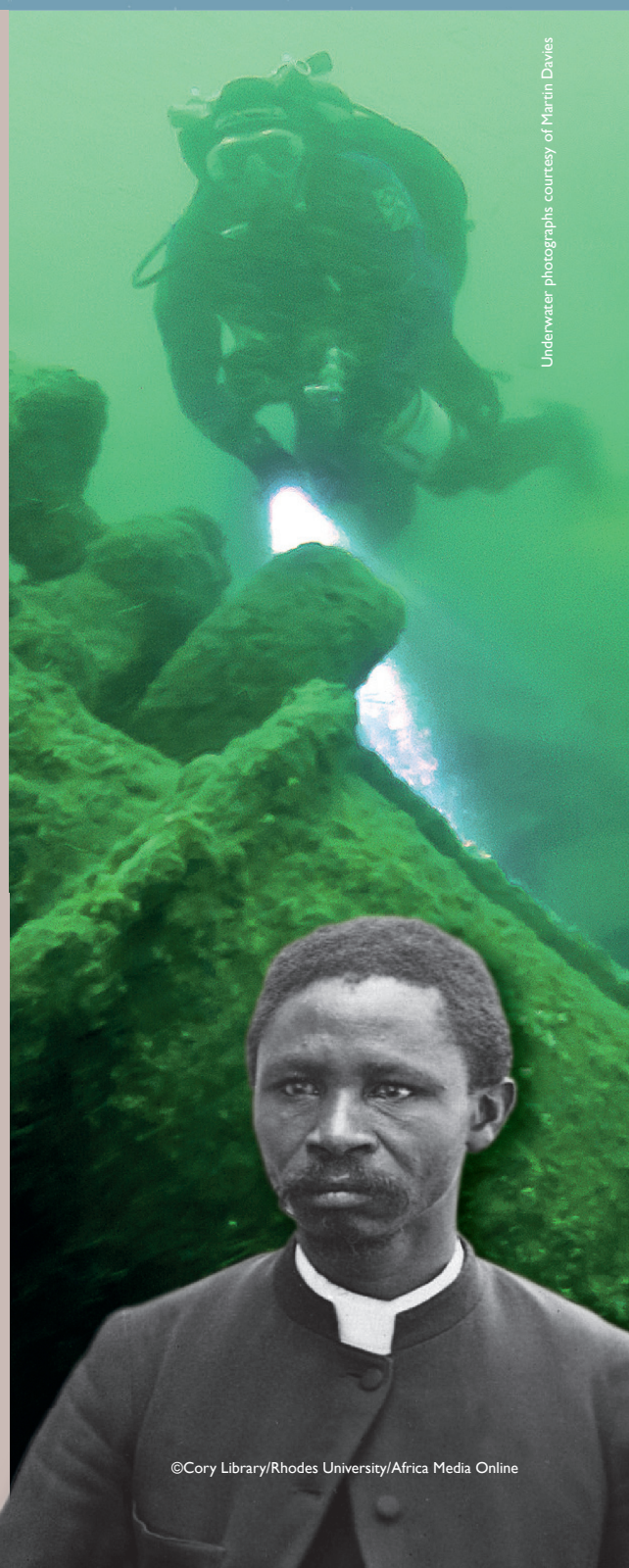
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