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Vierstraat Ridge

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Hindenburg Line

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1940- 1945

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Majuro

Eniwetok

Saipan

Okinawa

2001 - Present

Noble Eagle

Iraqi Freedom

Enduring Freedom,

(Afghanistan)



Distinguished Service Cross



105th Infantry Regiment



The Distinguished Service Cross is awarded to a person who, while serving in any capacity with the Army (or in the Air Force, before 1960), distinguishes themselves by extraordinary heroism not justifying the award of a Medal of Honor; while engaged in an action against an enemy of the United States; while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing/foreign force; or while serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an armed conflict against an opposing armed force in which the United States is not a belligerent party. The act or acts of heroism must have been so notable and have involved risk of life so extraordinary as to set the individual apart from their comrades.

The 105th Infantry regiment amassed a total of 47 Distinguished Service Crosses between the two World Wars. The vast majority were from World War One, most likely due to the fact that the Silver Star medal had not been in existence at that time (created by Congress in 1932). The Third Battalion Soldiers received the lion's share with 18. The majority of the actions took place in two locations. Ronssoy, France in the last week of September 1918 and St. Souplet, France in the third week of October, 1918.

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From the Editor,

Last year I inaugurated a new document series with the “Orion In Memoriam” publications, volumes I through VI. This year, I have focused on the acts of valor by members of the 27th Division in the two World Wars. This series will consist of volumes for each of the infantry regiments and then the remaining units.

I will be posting these documents on the website in the newly created “Hall of Valor” subpage (<https://27thdivisionassociation.com/history-of-the-27th/hall-of-valor/>) which is part of the “History of the 27th” main page (<https://27thdivisionassociation.com/history-of-the-27th/>). The Hall of Valor already hosts the citations of all the Medal of Honor recipients of the 27th from both World Wars.

I will also try to document as many of the Silver Star recipients as possible, but I have yet to explore that project fully. As I note on the cover page, the Silver Star medal was created by Congress well after the First World War and in World War Two this medal was awarded in lieu of a Distinguished Service Cross in many instances.

I hope that you the reader get a sense of history as you review these citations and become familiar with the place names and dates. They certainly helped me put the major actions of the 27th into the context of each war. I have also discovered that the gravesites of several of these personnel are within a short driving distance from my home in Western New York. I plan to visit them when I can.

Sincerely,

Paul E. Hujer

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WORLD WAR ONE

ATKINS, MARVIN L.

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 18, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Marvin L. Atkins, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near St. Souplet, France, October 18, 1918. Continuing in action after being gassed, Lieutenant Atkins displayed exceptional personal bravery when the advance of his platoon was checked by heavy machine-gun fire, in seizing the gun of a wounded soldier and attacking a machine-gun, which he silenced and captured. Under the inspiration of this fearless act his company overcame several other machine-gun emplacements and reached the objective.

General Orders No. 44, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Lakeville, CT

BULKLEY, STANLEY

Captain, U.S. Army

105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Stanley Bulkley, Captain, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. Commanding the 3d Battalion of his regiment, and having led them forward to a position covering the left flank of the division, Captain Bulkley discovered a small unit of another battalion located in a shell hole some distance in advance of his position. Finding this unit entirely surrounded by the enemy and in imminent danger of total annihilation, Captain Bulkley, though suffering from a severe head wound, rushed forward to their assistance, firing a Lewis gun, breaking the enemy's attack, and killing and wounding several of the machine gunners. This action was in full view of the enemy and performed with utter disregard of heavy enemy machine-gun and rifle fire, and served as an inspiration to the members of the American fighting forces engaged in that operation.

General Orders No. No. 13, W.D., 1923

Home Town: New York, NY

BURGH, DAVID T.

Chaplain, U.S. Army

105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to David T. Burgh, Chaplain, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line Chaplain Burgh displayed remarkable devotion to duty and courage in caring for the wounded under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. The splendid example set by this officer was an inspiration to the combat troops.

General Orders No. No. 137, W.D., 1918

Home Town: Warren, ME



Somme American Cemetery and Memorial

BYINGTON, RUSSELL PERKINS (P)

Private First Class, U.S. Army

Company I, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

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Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Russell P. Byington, Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line, he was wounded early in the action but continued to advance with his company, and declined to go to the rear for medical treatment. Later in the engagement he was killed by a machine-gun bullet. His gallantry and bravery and absolute disregard for his personal safety was a splendid example to all ranks.

General Orders No. 16, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Ossining, NY

CASWELL, GEORGE D.

Corporal, U.S. Army

Company M, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 27, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to George D. Caswell, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 27, 1918. Corporal Caswell braved the perils of exacting machine-gun fire when he ventured out to rescue a wounded comrade. He completed this mission and returned for another comrade, who was lying wounded still farther forward. He also successfully brought this man to safety. That evening he led a detail through the murderous fire to replenish the supply of hand grenades. While returning to the lines he was seriously wounded when the box which he was carrying exploded.

General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Troy, NY

COHOON, WILLIAM M.

Private, U.S. Army

Company M, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 27, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to William M. Cohoon, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 27, 1918. In the face of concentrated fire from hostile machine guns, Private Cohoon, together with Corporal George D. Caswell, made his way over rough and broken terrain under observation of the enemy, rescued a severely wounded comrade, carried him to a place of safety, and returned to a point still farther in advance of his own lines and carried another member of his company to shelter. This action, showing indomitable bravery and devotion to duty, undoubtedly saved the lives of the wounded men and set a splendid example of courage and self-sacrifice to other members of the command.

General Orders No. No. 13, W.D., 1923

Home Town: Wappingers Falls, NY

ELKINS, STEPHEN B.

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Stephen B. Elkins, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line Lieutenant Elkins, with three sergeants, occupied an outpost position in advance of the line, which was attacked by a superior force of the enemy. He so directed his small detachment that he succeeded in repulsing the attack, killing ten Germans, capturing five, and putting the rest of the enemy to flight. The bravery and determination displayed by this group were an inspiration to all who witnessed them.

General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Birmingham, AL

FINN, JOHN J.

Mechanic, U.S. Army

Company G, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

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Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to John J. Finn, Mechanic, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line Mechanic Finn left shelter and went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and rescued five wounded soldiers.

While in the performance of this gallant act he and another soldier attacked an enemy dugout, killing two of the enemy and taking one prisoner. This courageous act set a splendid example to all.

General Orders No. No. 14, W.D., 1925

Home Town: New Rochelle, NY

FLORIAN, PAUL A., JR.

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Paul A. Florian, Jr., Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line Lieutenant Florian exhibited splendid courage and gallantry. After having been twice wounded he continued under heavy shell and machine-gun fire to install telephone wires to an advance headquarters.

General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Troy, NY

GAYNIER, CHARLES E.

Private, U.S. Army

Company C, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 30, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Charles E. Gaynier, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 30, 1918. Private

Gaynier exhibited exceptional bravery in voluntarily leaving shelter, going forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and bringing back to our lines several wounded comrades.

General Orders No. 126, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Rockaway, NY

GOULD, WILLIAM

Mechanic, U.S. Army

Company K, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 18, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to William Gould, Mechanic, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near St. Souplet, France, October 18, 1918. Mechanic Gould, single-handed, attacked a heavy machine-gun which was covering the retreat of the Germans, and drove off the crew.

General Orders No. 23, W.D., 1919

Home Town: West Hebron, NY

HALL, RAMON L.

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Ramon L. Hall, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line Lieutenant Hall left shelter, in broad daylight, went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and succeeded in bringing back to our lines a wounded soldier. His splendid courage and gallant conduct furnished a fine example to his command.

General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Schenectady, NY

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HAMILTON, JAMES A. (P)

First Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company M, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division,
A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 27, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is posthumously presented to James A. Hamilton, First Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 27, 1918. First Sergeant Hamilton rallied his company after it had become disorganized under a machine-gun barrage and all the officers were killed or wounded. He led his men forward in an effective attack, and was shortly afterwards killed while moving along his line.

General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Hoosick Falls, NY

HOWLAND, SYLVESTER J.

Private, U.S. Army

Company B, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division,
A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Sylvester J. Howland, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line Private Howland left shelter, went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and succeeded in rescuing a wounded soldier, thereby displaying great bravery and gallantry. In performing this act he was wounded.

General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Waterford, NY

INGRAM, LEE H.

Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company G, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division,
A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Lee H. Ingram, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line Sergeant Ingram left shelter and went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and rescued five wounded soldiers. In performing this gallant act, Sergeant Ingram and another soldier attacked an enemy dugout, killing two of the enemy, and taking one prisoner.

General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Gloversville, NY

JOUBERT, JAMES M.

Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company K, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division,
A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 17, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to James M. Joubert, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near St. Souplet, France, October 17, 1918. Sergeant Joubert exhibited great daring in advancing single-handed against two enemy machineguns, which he put out of action.

General Orders No. 126, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Glens Falls, NY

KEENE, WALTER

Private First Class, U.S. Army

Company F, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division,
A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 17, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Walter Keene, Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action at Arbre Guernon, France, October 17, 1918.

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During the advance of his company into the town, Private Keene, with utter disregard of his own personal danger, pursued several of the enemy into a house, and, single-handed, captured ten of them as they were in the act of setting up a machine-gun. On the following morning, October 18, 1918, near the town of Mazinghein, when the advance of the battalion had been temporarily halted by heavy enemy fire, Private Keene voluntarily carried a message for reinforcements to battalion headquarters through intense shell and machine-gun fire and returned with the necessary reinforcements, thereby enabling the battalion to continue its advance.

General Orders No. 6, W.D., 1932

Home Town: New York, NY

KENNY, THOMAS

Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company H, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 17, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Thomas Kenny, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near St. Souplet, France, October 17, 1918. While patrolling alone in advance of the line, Sergeant Kenny discovered a German officer directing a detachment in establishing machine-gun posts. He immediately opened fire, killing one and forcing the others to surrender. Later, reinforced by the remainder of his squad, Sergeant Kenny captured 34 of the enemy, including seven officers.

General Orders No. 23, W.D., 1919

Home Town: New York, NY

KENT, WALTER J.

Private First Class, U.S. Army

Sanitary Detachment, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 17, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Walter J. Kent, Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near St. Souplet, France, October 17, 1918. With splendid courage and devotion to duty and without thought for his own safety, Private Kent cared for 40 wounded men of his command, at all times exposed to terrific machine-gun and high-explosive shell fire. He continued his aid until he himself was severely wounded while attempting to obtain stretchers with which to move the more serious cases. His remarkable courage and devotion to his comrades inspired every man of his command.

General Orders No. 9, W.D., 1923

Home Town: Whitestone, NY

KIRK, HENRY S.

Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company B, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Henry S. Kirk, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronsoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line Sergeant Kirk, with an officer and two other sergeants, occupied an outpost position in advance of the line, which was attacked by a superior force of the enemy. Sergeant Kirk assisted in repulsing this attack and in killing ten Germans, capturing five, and driving off the others. The bravery and determination displayed by this group was an inspiration to all who witnessed it.

General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919

Home Town: New York, NY

KLINGE, WALTER

Private First Class, U.S. Army

Company M, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 17, 1918

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The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Walter Klinge, Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near St. Souplet, France, October 17, 1918. When sent out as a scout with a small patrol consisting of an officer and two men, Private Klinge courageously went ahead alone, killed two enemy scouts, whom he encountered, and drove the gunners away from two machine-guns. When the patrol came up the capture of the guns was completed with their assistance.

General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Brooklyn, NY

LEE, EVERETT D.

Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company L, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 27, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Everett D. Lee, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 27, 1918. When the advance of his company was checked by concentrated machine-gun and rifle fire Sergeant Lee advanced alone, sought out enemy machine-gun nests, and by the use of hand grenades and with complete disregard for his own safety, killed and wounded members of enemy machine-gun crews, causing them to abandon the guns, and thus permitting the Infantry to again advance. Sergeant Lee's courage and devotion to duty raised the morale of his company to a high pitch.

General Orders No. No. 13, W.D., 1923

Home Town: Saratoga Springs, NY

LISA, JAMES R.

First Lieutenant (Medical Corps), U.S. Army
105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 18, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to James R. Lisa, First Lieutenant (Medical Corps), U.S. Army, for

extraordinary heroism in action near St. Souplet, France, October 18, 1918. After his battalion had been compelled to withdraw because of enfilading fire, Lieutenant Lisa displayed marked bravery in going forward and attending wounded men whose evacuation was impossible because of the intense fire.

General Orders No. 23, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Randalls Island, NY

LYNCH, HENRY PETER

Corporal, U.S. Army

Company E, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Henry Peter Lynch, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. Having been trapped in a shell hole with nine other men 50 yards in front of the line, Corporal Lynch crawled back to his company's position through heavy enemy machine-gun fire and reported their predicament. He then organized a bombing party, led it against the hostile machine gun and put it out of action, thereby enabling his men to return safely to our line.

General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919

Home Town: White Plains, NY

MAHAR, DANIEL H.

Corporal, U.S. Army

Company L, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 18, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Daniel H. Mahar, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near St. Souplet, France, October 18, 1918. Corporal Mahar courageously led several attacks on enemy machine-gun nests. . Later in the day he attacked single-handed two enemy snipers, killing one and driving off the other.

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General Orders No. 23, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Newark, NJ

MATSON, LEON R.

Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company M, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 27 & 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Leon R. Matson, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronsoy, France, September 27 & 29, 1918. On the morning of September 27, after all the officers and most of the sergeants of his company had been killed, Sergeant Matson took command and led the company into effective combat, making repeated reconnaissance in front of the line under severe machine-gun fire. On September 29 he led his men forward, capturing an important knoll, and held it with a small number of men. Finding the ammunition and food depleted, he led a detail through the heavy machine-gun fire, bringing back both food and ammunition.

General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919

Home Town: New York, NY

MATTHEWS, GEORGE, JR.

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army

105th Machine-Gun Battalion, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 18, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to George Matthews, Jr., Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Arbre Guernon, France, October 18, 1918. After having been wounded in the head and suffering great pain, Lieutenant Matthews coolly and efficiently made dispositions for the security of his guns and safety of his men and the evacuation of the wounded. Later at a dressing station, though bleeding profusely, he refused surgical attention until other wounded men of his platoon had been cared for.

General Orders No. No. 28, W.D., 1921

Home Town: New York, NY

MERZ, HARRY

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: August 27, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Harry Merz, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action in the Dickebusch sector, Belgium, August 27, 1918. When his company was occupying a front-line position and suffering heavy losses from a near-by enemy sniper, Lieutenant Merz, locating the sniper, left his shelter and at great personal danger courageously advanced and succeeded in destroying the sniper and his nest with hand grenades.

General Orders No. No. 56, W.D., 1922

Home Town: New York, NY

MURPHY, MICHAEL S.

Private, U.S. Army

Company B, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Michael S. Murphy, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronsoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line Private Murphy left shelter, went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and succeeded in rescuing a wounded soldier, thereby exhibiting great bravery and gallantry. In performing this act he was wounded.

General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Cohoes, NY

POTTER, FRANK R.

Captain, U.S. Army

105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

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Date of Action: October 17 - 18, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Frank R. Potter, Captain, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action at the town of Arbre Guernon, France, October 17 - 18, 1918. Organizing his units just before entering the town, Captain Potter advanced under heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, captured the town with numerous prisoners, and from his new position silenced several enemy machine guns. On the morning of October 18, while he was in command of the 105th Infantry Battalion he advanced about 300 yards and was stopped by intense machine-gun fire. His coolness and complete indifference to danger inspired his men to further advance despite the heavy machine-gun fire from the strongly held position in a sunken road immediately in the battalion's front, which position was promptly captured, together with numerous prisoners and machine guns.

General Orders No. 9, W.D., 1923

Home Town: New York, NY

PUTMAN, HARRY P.

Private, U.S. Army

Company H, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 30, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Harry P. Putman, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 30, 1918. Private Putman exhibited exceptional bravery in voluntarily leaving shelter, going forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire and bringing back to our lines several wounded comrades.

General Orders No. No. 143, W.D., 1918

Home Town: Fort Johnson, NY

RAFTER, EDWIN J.

Corporal, U.S. Army

Company L, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 27, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Edwin J. Rafter, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 27, 1918. Corporal Rafter while in command of a flank detachment of which all the members except himself were killed or wounded, remained alone at his post during the entire night, and by his constant rifle fire defeated several attempts of enemy groups to develop an attack on the left of his organization, thus enabling his company to reorganize and consolidate their position. His indomitable courage and devotion to duty set an inspiring example to the men of his company and battalion.

General Orders No. No. 13, W.D., 1923

Home Town: New York, NY

RAPPORT, GEORGE D.

Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company G, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 17, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to George D. Rapport, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near St. Souplet, France, October 17, 1918. With complete disregard for his own safety Sergeant Rapport attacked, single handed, two enemy machine-gun nests, killing or capturing the crews. The gallantry and devotion to duty thus displayed greatly inspired the men of his regiment.

General Orders No. No. 16, W.D., 1923

Home Town: Gloversville, NY

RATCHICK, LUIS

Private, U.S. Army

Company D, 105th Machine-Gun Battalion, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 27, 1918

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The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Luis Ratchick, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action northeast of Ronssoy, France, September 27, 1918. During the attack on the Hindenburg line Private Ratchick displayed unusual coolness and bravery when on two occasions he voluntarily carried wounded comrades to a dressing station about 1,500 yards distant and each time returned to his company over a road that was being swept by heavy artillery and machine-gun fire. By his utter disregard of personal danger, Private Ratchick set an example which was of the utmost value to his company then and throughout all of its subsequent engagements.

General Orders No. No. 2, W.D., 1932

Home Town: New York, NY

ROBERTSON, ANGUS

Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company E, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 25, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Angus Robertson, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 25, 1918. Although suffering intense agony from the effects of a severe gassing, Sergeant Robertson continued in command of his platoon during a most terrific shelling. By administering first aid to a wounded comrade, he was instrumental in saving his life, although risking his own by removing his gas mask to render more valuable treatment. He continued to assist the wounded until he collapsed.

General Orders No. 37, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Yonkers, NY

ROBINTON, CHARLES H.

Private First Class, U.S. Army

Company A, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Charles H. Robinton, Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. During operations against the Hindenburg line, Private Robinton went forth, in the face of unusually heavy machine-gun fire, to aid a wounded comrade. He administered first aid, and, while shielding the man from the enemy fire, he received a severe wound in the back. Despite this wound, he struggled back to safety, bringing his comrade with him.

General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Ilion, NY

ROSS, CARL G. R.

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army

105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Carl G. R. Ross, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. When his company was held up by an enemy machine-gun post First Lieutenant Ross advanced alone against it and succeeded in putting it out of action, exhibiting great bravery and gallantry, which was a splendid example to all ranks.

General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919

Home Town: New York, NY

ROVER, HARRY J.

Private, U.S. Army

Company A, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Harry J. Rover, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918.

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During the operations against the Hindenburg line Private Rover, with an officer and three sergeants, occupied an outpost position in advance of the line which was attacked by a superior force of the enemy. Private Rover assisted in repulsing this attack and in killing ten Germans, capturing five, and driving off the others. The bravery and determination displayed by this group were an inspiration to all who witnessed it.

General Orders No. 6, W.D., 1930

Home Town: New York, NY

RUANE, EDWARD T.

First Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company B, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Edward T. Ruane, First Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line Sergeant Ruane, with an officer and two other sergeants, occupied an outpost position in advance of the line, which was attacked by a superior force of the enemy. Sergeant Ruane assisted in repulsing this attack and in killing ten Germans, capturing five, and driving off the others. The bravery and determination displayed by this group was an inspiration to all who witnessed it.

General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Cohoes, NY

SCLAFONI, ANTHONY

Private, U.S. Army

Company A, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Anthony Sclafoni, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918.

While the advance against the Hindenburg line was at its height, Private Sclafoni, seeing a Lewis gunner exposed to the enemy, ran to his assistance. On the way he was seriously wounded, but continued on, reaching the position and using his body to shield the gunner, while the latter poured a fire into the enemy. He was wounded three times, finally losing consciousness, but after his wounds were dressed, he insisted on leaving the field unaided.

General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919

Home Town: New York, NY

SCOTT, DAVID S.

Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company I, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 27 & 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to David S. Scott, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France, September 27 & 29, 1918. During the advance when his platoon was halted by heavy fire, Sergeant Scott worked his way forward alone, and with rifle and grenade fire, attacked and put out of action an enemy machine-gun post. His action enabled his company to continue the advance. Later the same day he led a small detachment forward to a dangerous flanking position, engaged the enemy, and drove them back. On September 29, Sergeant Scott assisted in carrying a wounded soldier through an exposed area under heavy fire to a place of safety.

General Orders No. 8, W.D., 1935

Home Town: New York, NY

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TABOR, RALPH E. (P)

Corporal, U.S. Army

Company L, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Ralph E. Tabor, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronsoy, France, September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line, Corporal Tabor left shelter, went forward under heavy shell and machine-gun fire, and succeeded in bringing back to our lines a wounded soldier. His splendid courage and gallant conduct was a fine example to his comrades.

General Orders No. 16, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Mechanicsville, NY

THOMPSON, EDWARD N.

First Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company I, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: August 31, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Edward N. Thompson, First Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Mount Kemmel, Belgium, August 31, 1918. When the two platoons commanded by

him met, with heavy machine-gun fire, Sergeant Thompson placed his men under cover, and single-handed went forward to reconnoiter his objective in the face of heavy shell and machine-gun fire.

General Orders No. 23, W.D., 1919

Home Town: New York, NY



Fauborg-d'Amiens Cemetery

TOWNE, EUGENE W. (P)

Sergeant, U.S. Army

Company K, 105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 18, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Eugene W. Towne, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near St. Souplet, France, October 18, 1918. With two other soldiers Sergeant Towne rushed forward into some hedges and silenced three light machine guns which were hindering the advance by flanking fire. *[Soldier later died on 30 October, 1918]*

General Orders No. 23, W.D., 1919

Home Town: Thompson, NY

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TUCKER, ROYAL K.

First Lieutenant (Chaplain), U.S. Army

105th Infantry Regiment, 27th Division, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Royal K. Tucker, First Lieutenant (Chaplain), U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action east of Ronssoy, France,

September 29, 1918. During the operations against the Hindenburg line Chaplain Tucker displayed remarkable devotion to duty and courage in caring for the wounded under heavy shell and machine-gun fire. The splendid example set by this officer was an inspiration of the combat troops.

General Orders No. No. 142, W.D., 1918

Home Town: Mobile, AL

WORLD WAR TWO

COLLINS, JESS W. (P)

Private 1st Class

Co L, 105th Infantry

April 26, 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Jess W. Collins (6852821), Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company L, 105th Infantry Regiment, in action against enemy forces on 26 April 1945. Private First Class Collins' intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces-Middle Pacific, General Orders No. 57 (1946)

Edgartown, West Virginia

DRUMMOND, WALTER A. (P)

Sergeant

Co I, 105th Infantry

July 7, 1944

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Walter A. Drummond (35045471), Sergeant, Company I, 105th Infantry, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed

enemy in action against enemy forces on 7 July 1944. Sergeant Drummond's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces-Pacific Ocean Areas, General Orders No. 52 (1944)

Summit County, Ohio

HAYES, JOHN W.

Private 1st Class

Co L, 105th Infantry

April 26, 1945

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to John W. Hayes, Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company L, 105th Infantry Regiment, in action against enemy forces on 26 April 1945. Private First Class Hayes' intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Headquarters, U.S. Forces-Pacific, General Orders No. 305 (1945)

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