

VALOR OF ORION

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1917 - 1919

Dickbush Sector

Mount Kemmel

Vierstraat Ridge

East Poperinghe Line

Hindenburg Line

LaSelle River St. Souplet

Meuse-Argonne St. Mihiel



1940- 1945

Makin

Majuro

Eniwetok

Saipan

Okinawa

2001 - Present

Noble Eagle

Iraqi Freedom

Enduring Freedom,

(Afghanistan)

Distinguished Service Cross

165th Infantry Regiment (WWII)



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 165th Infantry regiment served under the 27th in WWII, because the 107th Infantry regiment had been reorganized as a coastal defense artillery regiment and so the 165th was assigned to the 27th. As part of the "Triangularization" of combat divisions, the 108th was assigned to the 40th Infantry Division and thus the 165th became a major part of the combat operations in the Pacific. The DSCs received by 165th personnel are spread out from actions starting in April of 1943 all the way through April of 1945.

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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

Editor

VALOR ROLL

CHAPPETTA, EDWARD D. (P)

CONROY, JAMES GARDINER (P)

COOK, PAUL R. (P)

DENNIS, CARL D. (P)

GREEN, LOUIS J.

JONES, SINTON

KUBO, HOICHI

MACK, DAVID

MATTIACE, JOHN J. (P)

McBRIDE, SAM A. (P)

ROYAL, EDWARD L. (P)

WORLD WAR TWO

CHAPPETTA, EDWARD D. (P)

Staff Sergeant

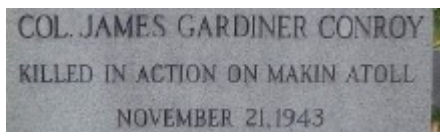
Co A, 165th Infantry

June 17 & 23, 1944

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Edward D. Chappetta (32004069), Staff Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company A, 165th Infantry Regiment, in action against enemy forces on 17 and 23 June 1944. Staff Sergeant Chappetta'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. 74 (1944)

Bronx, New York



Holy Cross Cemetery

CONROY, JAMES GARDINER (P)

Colonel

165th Infantry

November 20, 1943

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to James Gardiner Conroy (0-185592), Colonel (Infantry), U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 165th Infantry Regiment, in action against enemy forces on 20 November 1943. Colonel Conroy's outstanding leadership, 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-Central Pacific Area,
General Orders No. 40 (1944)

Brooklyn, New York



Little Rock National Cemetery

COOK, PAUL R. (P)

Private 1st Class

Co E, 165th Infantry

April 20, 1945

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Preserving our Legacy, Teaching our History, & Honoring the Fallen

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The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Paul R. Cook (37233278), Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company E, 165th Infantry Regiment, in action against enemy forces on 20 April 1945. Private First Class Cook'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-Middle Pacific, General Orders No. 57 (1946)

Alameda, California



Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

DENNIS, CARL D. (P)

Private 1st Class

Co F, 165th Infantry

April 25, 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Carl D. Dennis (37408879), Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company F, 165th Infantry Regiment, in action against enemy forces on 25 April 1945. Private First Class Dennis' 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. 59 (1946)

Greene County, Missouri

GREEN, LOUIS J.

Sergeant

Co B, 165th Infantry

April 24 & 29, 1945

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Louis J. Green, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company B, 165th Infantry Regiment, in action against enemy forces on 24 and 29 April 1945. Sergeant Green's 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, Tenth U.S. Army, General Orders No. 220 (1945)

JONES, SINTON

Tech 4

Co E, 165th Infantry

April 20-27, 1945

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Sinton Jones, Technician Fourth Grade, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company E, 165th Infantry Regiment, in action against enemy forces from 20 to 27 April 1945. Technician Fourth Grade Jones' 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, Tenth U.S. Army, General Orders No. 220 (1945)

KUBO, HOICHI

Tech 4

165th Infantry

July 26, 1944

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The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to Hoichi Kubo (30101553), Technician Fourth Grade, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 165th Infantry Regiment, 27th Infantry Division, in action against enemy forces on 26 July 1944, at Saipan. Acting as interpreter for an infantry assault company, Technician Kubo voluntarily descended a cliff approximately one hundred feet in height and entered a cave in an attempt to gain the release of a number of civilians who were being held by a group of enemy soldiers. Dressed in the uniform of his service and armed only with a concealed pistol, he performed this act with the full knowledge that he could not be protected by our troops and that the enemy soldiers had threatened to kill the civilians they held should they attempt to surrender. Technician Kubo remained in the cave with a number of armed Japanese soldiers for nearly two hours and joined them in the noonday meal. He finally succeeded in persuading the soldiers to release over one hundred civilians and to surrender themselves. Technician Kubo's heroism prevented casualties among our troops and undoubtedly save the lives of the civilians who would have perished had it been necessary to dynamite the cave. His 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, the 27th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces-Pacific Ocean Areas,
General Orders No. 52 (October 18, 1944)

Born: at Hawaii Puukoli, Maui, Hawaii

MACK, DAVID

Tech 4

Co B, 165th Infantry

June 17 - July 12, 1944

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to David Mack, Technician Fourth Grade, Company B, 165th Infantry, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving as a Medical Aidman, in action against enemy forces from 17 June to 12 July 1944, at Saipan. During the period this unit was engaged with the enemy, Technician Mack, with complete disregard for personal safety and at the risk of his

life, left covered positions in numerous instances, crossed open terrain under heavy enemy fire, and succeeded in administering first aid and evacuating casualties under tremendously hazardous conditions, frequently covering the victim's withdrawal with small arms fire until the wounded man reached safety. Often going to the aid of a casualty in the dark of the night, he constantly braved the danger of being hit by our own or enemy fire. On reaching the injured man he would protect him with his own body while caring for the wounds. During the entire Saipan operation, the actions of Technician Fourth Grade Mack were of almost incredible bravery. His devoted care to the men of the unit to which he was attached was far beyond the call of duty; his daring was a byword and his example an inspiration to all with whom he came in contact. Technician Fourth Grade Mack's 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. Army Forces-Pacific Ocean Areas,
General Orders No. 52 (1944)

Pembroke Pines, Florida



Long Island National Cemetery

MATTIACE, JOHN J. (P)

Private 1st Class

Co B, 165th Infantry

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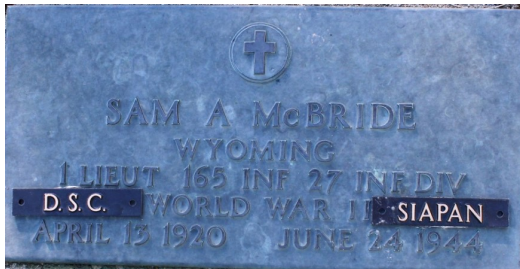
Johnson County, Wyoming

June 17, 1944

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to John J. Mattiace (32004974), Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company B, 165th Infantry Regiment, in action against enemy forces on 17 June 1944. Private First Class Mattiace'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. 2 (1945)

Bronx, New York



Willow Grove Cemetery

McBRIDE, SAM A. (P)

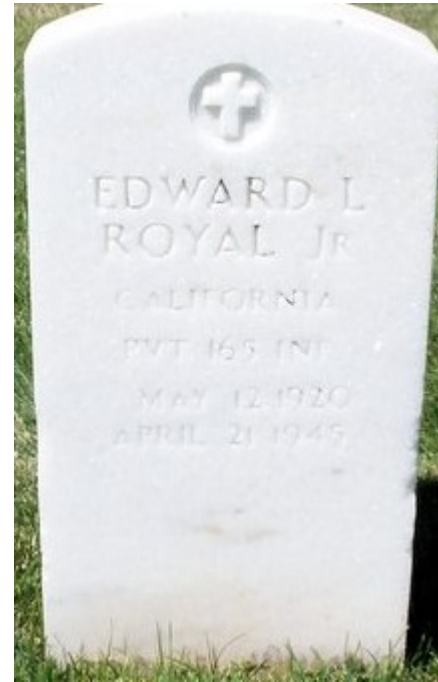
1st Lieutenant

Co B, 165th Infantry

June 24, 1944

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Sam A. McBride (0-483300), First Lieutenant (Infantry), U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company B, 165th Infantry Regiment, in action against enemy forces on 24 June 1944. First Lieutenant McBride'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. 74 (1944)



Golden Gate National Cemetery

ROYAL, EDWARD L. (P)

Private

Co A, 165th Infantry

April 21, 1945

The President of the United States takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Edward L. Royal (18044574), Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with Company A, 165th Infantry Regiment, in action against enemy forces on 21 April 1945. Private Royal'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. Forces-Pacific, General Orders No. 334 (1945)

Los Angeles, California

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