

**U.S. Army
Tank Corps Recipients
of the
Distinguished Service Cross**



World War I

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ANGELO, JOSEPH T.

Private First Class, U.S. Army
Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Joseph T. Angelo, Private First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Cheppy, France, September 26, 1918. Within 40 meters of the German machine guns, Private Angelo carried his wounded commanding officer into a shell hole and remained with him under continuous shell fire for over an hour, except when he twice carried orders to passing tanks.

- General Orders No. 44, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Pennsgrove, NJ

ASH, HAROLD JAMES

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
Company C, 345th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: October 4, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Harold James Ash, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Bois-de-Montrebeau, France, October 4, 1918. Driving his tank in the face of a 77-mm gun Lieutenant Ash, then sergeant, continued his mission, until his tank was destroyed. He remained with the tank until a machine-gun nest was destroyed, and then accompanied the tank commander on foot through severe fire, killing two snipers with his pistol, while the commander was disabling machine and antitank guns, after which he returned to his lines.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: New York, NY

BARNARD, COURTNEY H.

Captain, U.S. Army
345th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Courtney H. Barnard, Captain, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action at Cheppy, France, September 26, 1918. During the attack on Cheppy, Captain Barnard personally reconnoitered on foot a passage through an extensive mine field while under heavy artillery and machine-gun fire, and later led his company through this mine field and destroyed the machine-gun nests which were holding up the advance of our Infantry. Captain Barnard was exposed to terrific machine-gun and artillery fire throughout the entire action, and by his coolness and courage set a splendid example to his men, which produced a noticeable determination on their part, which materially aided in the success of the attack.

- General Orders No. No. 4, W.D., 1923
Home Town: Albany, NY

BLANCHARD, WALTER H.

Corporal, U.S. Army
Company B, 344th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Walter H. Blanchard, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Varennes, France, September 26, 1918. Corporal Blanchard, in company with an officer, crawled forward under heavy fire at the risk of his own life, and dragged back a wounded man, who was lying about 150 meters in front of our trenches.

- General Orders 81, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Haverhill, MA

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BOWES, DAVID M.

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
304th Brigade, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to David M. Bowes, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Varennes, France, September 26, 1918. Second Lieutenant Bowes crawled forward under heavy fire at the risk of his own life and rescued a wounded soldier, who was lying about 150 meters in front of the trenches occupied by the advanced Infantry.

- General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Bath, NY

BRETT, SERENO E.

Major, U.S. Army
326th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 12, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Sereno E. Brett, Major, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Richecourt, France, September 12, 1918. On the opening day of the St. Mihiel offensive Major Brett led his battalion on foot from Richecourt to the Bois Quart De Reserve in the face of heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, and by his coolness and courage setting an example to the entire battalion.

- General Orders No. 15, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Corvallis, OR

***BROADFOOT, JOSIAH**

Corporal, U.S. Army
Company B, 244th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 27, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Josiah Broadfoot, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near La Forge Farm, France, September 27, 1918. Corporal Broadfoot volunteered to drive a tank, and, his services being accepted, he attacked enemy machine-gun nests until his tank was put out of action, destroying several enemy nests which had held up our infantry. He then continued the advance on foot until he was fatally wounded.

- General Orders 89, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Westerly, RI

BROPHY, WILLIAM E.

Corporal, U.S. Army
Company A, 354th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: October 6, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to William E. Brophy, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Argonne Forest, France, October 6, 1918. Although wounded in the arm, Corporal Brophy insisted upon returning to his tank and taking part in the counterattack. He remained with the tank, doing very effective work until the attack had been repulsed.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: McAdoo, PA

CARROLL, TROY C.

Corporal, U.S. Army
Company A, 301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: October 8, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Troy C. Carroll, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Brancourt, France, October 8, 1918. Corporal Carroll was a gunner in a tank which was struck four times by shells, which killed or wounded the entire crew. Disregarding his own wounds in the back and leg, he walked 3 miles to secure assistance, guided stretcher bearers back to the disabled tank and assisted in evacuating the wounded until he was completely exhausted.

- General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Elkhart, IN

***CHISHOLM, RAYMOND C.**

Sergeant, U.S. Army
Company A, 345th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Raymond C. Chisholm, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Varennes, France, September 26, 1918. After his tank had been hit by a shell Sergeant Chisholm ordered his driver ahead, although fatally wounded. He continued to take an important part in the action until he dropped dead, at his post.

- General Orders 78, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Springfield, NJ

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CONNELLY, FRANCIS J.

Sergeant, U.S. Army
Company A, 301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Francis J. Connelly, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Bellicourt, France, September 29, 1918. Sergeant Connelly was on duty as gunner in a tank, whose track was broken by a direct hit from an enemy shell. Because of the heavy machine-gun fire it was impossible to repair the track, but Sergeant Connelly, accompanied by another soldier, left the tank, picked up some rifles, and crawling through the trenches and brush to the rear of the machine-gun position killed four of the enemy crew. They then returned to the tank and assisted in repairing the track under heavy shell fire.

- General Orders No. 50, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Conshohocken, PA

EDWARDS, PAUL S.

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army
Signal Corps (Attached), 304th Brigade, Tank Corps,
A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Paul S. Edwards, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Cheppy, France, September 26, 1918. During the attack on Cheppy Lieutenant Edwards displayed unusual gallantry by crossing a fire-swept area and carrying messages to tanks, coolly moving from one to another and informing the drivers of his mission, under a fire so heavy and accurate that many of the tanks were struck by bullets while he was standing by.

- General Orders No. 20, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Little Rock, AR

ELLIS, HERBERT J.

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army
30th Brigade, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Herbert J. Ellis, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Montfaucon, France, September 26, 1918. First Lieutenant Ellis set a conspicuous example of daring and disregard of personal safety throughout the advance toward Montfaucon. Standing up in the open under fire from enemy snipers and machine-guns, he directed the engineers in the work, of clearing a path, for the tanks. Single-handed he routed a sniper who was harassing the engineers engaged in this work. With a French officer he entered the Bois-de-Cuisy in advance

and assisted in putting out of action seven Germans who were hindering the advance.

- General Orders No. No. 128, W.D., 1918
Home Town: Toledo, OH

ELY, EARNEST E.

Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army
Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26 & October 12, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Earnest E. Ely, Sergeant First Class, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action in the Aire Valley, France, September 26 and October 12, 1918. Sergeant Ely worked for five days and nights under intense shell fire to establish signal communications. While engaged in this work he was gassed and carried to a dressing station unconscious. On regaining consciousness he escaped from the dressing station, returned to his post, and continued to work for 12 hours more until he was gassed for a second time.

- General Orders No. 37, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Eugene, OR

***ENGLISH, MATH L.**

(First Award)

Captain, U.S. Army
344th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Math L. English, Captain, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Cheppy, France, September 26, 1918. During the attack on Cheppy, Captain English dismounted from his tank and, under heavy machine-gun fire, personally supervised the cutting of a passage for his tanks through three hostile trenches.

- General Orders No. 37, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Coupeville, WA
Other Award: Distinguished Service Cross w/OLC (WWI)

***ENGLISH, MATH L.**

(Second Award)

Captain, U.S. Army
344th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: October 4, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Math L. English, Captain, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Exermont, France, October 4, 1918. Captain English left his tank under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire to make a personal reconnaissance, in the course of which he was killed.

- General Orders No. 37, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Coupeville, WA
Other Award: Distinguished Service Cross (WWI)

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GILFILLAN, DEAN MCGREW

Captain, U.S. Army
345th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: October 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Dean McGrew Gilfillan, Captain, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Varennes, France, October 26, 1918. Captain Gilfillan destroyed two machine-guns and inflicted heavy losses on a column of German infantry after his tank had been set on fire by two direct hits by enemy artillery and he himself wounded by machine-gun fire. He left his tank only when explosion was imminent, was wounded a second time by shell fragments, but remained at his post until he had turned over his command to another officer.

- General Orders No. 44, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Ironton, OH

GLEASON, JOHN W.

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
345th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26 - October 4, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to John W. Gleason, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Cheppy, Montrebeau Woods, and Exermont, France, September 26 - October 4, 1918. During the action at Cheppy Lieutenant Gleason led his platoon against a strong point defended by machine and antitank guns, leaving his tank and leading his command on foot through a mine field under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire. Two days later, in Montrebeau Woods, he led his platoon against machine-gun nests, cleaning them out, and leading a battalion of infantry forward to occupy this position. On October 4 he continued in the attack on Exermont, though he had been twice wounded and ordered to the rear.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Wheaton, IL

HEITZ, HARRY D.

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
327th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: October 1, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Harry D. Heitz, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Apremont, France, October 1, 1918. With rare coolness, courage, energy, and initiative Lieutenant Heitz led two platoons of tanks against an enemy attack upon the town of Apremont. Two of the tanks being disabled, he continued to advance, causing heavy casualties among the enemy forces. He continued

for a considerable distance within the enemy lines and attacked them from the rear, thus rendering highly important help to his own forces. He continued his attack upon the enemy until his own tank was completely disabled. Discovering a wounded sergeant lying exposed to violent enemy machine-gun, rifle, and artillery fire he carried the wounded man to shelter.

- General Orders No. No. 14, W.D., 1923
Home Town: Kansas City, MO

KUSENER, ERNEST F.

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Ernest F. Kusener, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. After his tank had been put out of action and set on fire by a direct hit which killed our of the crew, Lieutenant Kusener, utterly disregarding his own personal danger, entered the blazing tank which was still being fired on and dragged the remainder of the crew to safety. Displaying exceptional coolness and bravery he then carried two members of the crew, who had been seriously wounded, to a dressing station, the two trips being made over ground swept by heavy machine-gun fire.

- General Orders No. No. 2, W.D., 1932
Home Town: Gary, IN

MAURY, ALFRED B.

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: October 17, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Alfred B. Maury, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near l'Arbre-de-Guise, France, October 17, 1918. Although his motor was running poorly and his tank crew badly gassed, Lieutenant Maury captured a German battery with his gun crews and turned them over to the infantry. A little later his motor stopped completely, but he soon located another tank whose crew was badly gassed. He transferred his ammunition and crew to the new tank and continued in the advance of our infantry to the objective.

- General Orders No. 23, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Morristown, NJ

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MCCLUER, EDWIN A.

(First Award)

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
344th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 14, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Edwin A. McCluer, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Jonville, France, September 14, 1918. Commanding a reconnaissance patrol of three tanks, Lieutenant McCluer put to rout a company of German infantry, four pieces of artillery and destroyed eight machine guns. His action was eight kilometers in advance of our front lines.

- General Orders No. 37, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Urbana, VA
Other Award: Distinguished Service Cross w/OLC (WWI)

MCCLUER, EDWIN A.

(Second Award)

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
344th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 28, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Edwin A. McCluer, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Boise de Montrebeau, France, September 28, 1918. In the attack on the woods, Lieutenant McCluer led his tank patrol on foot through dense wooded territory and in the face of intense fire. He was two kilometers in advance of the infantry front line during this exploit.

- General Orders No. 37, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Urbana, VA
Other Award: Distinguished Service Cross (WWI)

MCGINTY, JOHN J.

First Sergeant, U.S. Army
Company B, 344th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to John J. McGinty, First Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action at Varennes, France, September 26, 1918. Gathering several scattered infantrymen, Sergeant McGinty led them into the town of Varennes ahead of the tanks and captured a number of prisoners. He then withdrew to the outskirts of the town to direct the advance of several tanks which had arrived. Returning to the attack on foot, he continued forward until a wound compelled him to retire.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Carbondale, PA

MERRITT, CHARLES B.

Private, U.S. Army
Company C, 345th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Charles B. Merritt, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Cheppy, France, September 26, 1918. While he was directing a column of tanks through a mine field, assisted by another soldier, his companion was wounded, but he continued with his work until all tanks had safely passed through. Returning, Private Merritt assisted his wounded comrade to safety, after which he carried messages through an intense bombardment of artillery and machine guns.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Philadelphia, PA

MORRISON, JULIAN K.

(First Award)

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
326th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 12, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Julian K. Morrison, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action in the Bois-Quart-de-Reserve, France, September 12, 1918. Preceding his tanks on foot, Lieutenant Morrison captured a machine-gun nest. Though he was twice wounded, he continued inaction for two days thereafter.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Statesville, NC
Other Award: Distinguished Service Cross w/OLC (WWI)

MORRISON, JULIAN K.

(Second Award)

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
326th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 28, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Julian K. Morrison, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Very, France, September 28, 1918: During the attack on Charpentry and the Bois-de-Montrebeau, Second Lieutenant Morrison led a platoon of five tanks, directing his tanks on foot, 400 yards in advance of infantry, under intense fire. Three of his tanks were put out of action by artillery fire, but he continued in action with the remaining two until dark, when he directed the work of rescuing the crews.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Statesville, NC
Other Award: Distinguished Service Cross (WWI)

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NEIL, ALBERT F.

Corporal, U.S. Army
Company A, 301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Albert F. Neil, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918 After aiding in rescuing the wounded from his tank, which had been struck by a shell. Corporal Neil, with Private Robert F. Wisher, dismounted machine guns from the tank and operated them against the enemy until these were put out of action. They then secured rifles and hand grenades and organized an attack on the enemy trenches, which they captured and held until depletion of their numbers forced them to fall back. Later they joined Australian troops and fought with them throughout the remainder of the day.

- General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Santa Barbara, CA

NICHOLS, HARLEY N.

Sergeant, U.S. Army
Company C, 345th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: October 4, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Harley N. Nichols, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Charpentry, France, October 4, 1918. While making an attack with four other tanks Sergeant Nichols's tank was struck by an enemy shell, which put it out of action. He continued to fire on a machine-gun nest until it was apparently destroyed, when he with his driver dismounted, and started to the nest, but they were fired on by the German gunners. They killed the two gunners and disabled the guns, and then drove the gunners from another gun. Under the protection of another tank they started to our own lines 1,500 meters away. On the way back two Germans with antitank rifles were encountered, the rifles captured. Sergeant Nichols and his driver were under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire throughout the operation.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: St. Louis Park, MN

OSMOND, FRANK W.

Corporal, U.S. Army
Company A, 301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Frank W. Osmond, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Bellicourt, France, September 29, 1918. Corporal Osmond was on duty as gunner in a tank, whose track was broken by a direct hit from an enemy shell.

Because of the heavy machine-gun fire it was impossible to repair the track; but Corporal Osmond, accompanied by another soldier, left the tank, picked up some rifles, and, crawling through the trenches and brush to the rear of the machine-gun position, killed four of the enemy crew. They then returned to the tank and assisted in repairing the track, under heavy shell fire.

- General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Philadelphia, PA

PATON, NOEL E.

Sergeant, U.S. Army
Company A, 344th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 14, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Noel E. Paton, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Woel, France, September 14, 1918. While on a reconnaissance patrol under heavy machine-gun fire, Sergeant Paton was seriously wounded and ordered to the rear. Refusing to seek safety, he crawled to the assistance of two comrades, whom he had seen disappear under a burst of shrapnel, and, with one arm useless, attempted to render aid while he was himself suffering from loss of blood.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Fayetteville, NC

PATTON, GEORGE S., JR.

Colonel, U.S. Army
Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to George S. Patton, Jr., Colonel, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Cheppy, France, September 26, 1918. Colonel Patton displayed conspicuous courage, coolness, energy, and intelligence in directing the advance of his brigade down the valley of the Aire. Later he rallied a force of disorganized infantry and led it forward, behind the tanks, under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire until he was wounded. Unable to advance further, Colonel Patton continued to direct the operations of his unit until all arrangements for turning over the command were completed.

- General Orders No. No. 133, W.D., 1918
Home Town: San Gabriel, CA

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PULLEN, DANIEL D.

Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army
Tank Corps, A.E.F.

Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Daniel D. Pullen, Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action in the Bois-de-Cuisy, France, September 26, 1918. Colonel Pullen displayed conspicuous gallantry and leadership in directing a tank attack on the Bois-de-Cuisy, after which he rallied a force of disorganized infantry, leading it forward in the face of violent machine-gun fire, and occupying the ground which had been taken by the tanks.

- General Orders No. No. 133, W.D., 1918
Home Town: Skagway, AK

***ROCK, WILLIAM C.**

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 17, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to William C. Rock, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Molain, France, October 17, 1918. Lieutenant Rock was in charge of a tank when it was struck by three shells from a German trench mortar, which set fire to the tank and knocked the track off. He assisted in extricating the wounded men from the tank and carrying them to the only available cover. In attempting to put an enemy machine-gun out of action with his pistol, he was killed.

- General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Philadelphia, PA

ROGERS, HORATIO R.

Private, U.S. Army
Company C, 344th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 4, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Horatio R. Rogers, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Exermont, France, October 4, 1918. Acting as a runner, Private Rogers, upon learning that there was a scarcity of tank drivers, begged permission to drive a tank. Permission being granted, he drove his tank well in advance of the Infantry until the officer in command of his tank became wounded by enemy fire. Private Rogers left the shelter of his tank and crawled to other tanks of his company, carrying messages from his wounded officer. This duty was performed in the face of heavy artillery, machine-gun, and rifle fire, and was carried on until Private Rogers was severely wounded. The coolness,

devotion to duty, and fearlessness displayed inspired the men of his company to still greater endeavor.

- General Orders No. No. 15, W.D., 1923
Home Town: Evanston, IL

SAUL, TOM W.

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army
327th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 12, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Tom W. Saul, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near the Bois-de-Remieres, France, September 12, 1918. First Lieutenant Saul coolly exposed himself to enemy fire by standing on the parapet of a trench and directing his men in the work of getting the tanks forward.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Portland, OR

SEMMES, HARRY HODGES

(First Award)

Captain, U.S. Army
Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 12, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Harry Hodges Semmes, Captain, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Xivray, France, September 12, 1918. During the operations along the Rupt de Mad, Captain Semmes's tank fell into the water and was completely submerged. Upon escaping through the turret door and finding that his driver was still in the tank, Captain Semmes returned and rescued the driver under machine-gun fire.

- General Orders No. 35, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Washington, DC
Other Award: Distinguished Service Cross w/OLC (WWI)

SEMMES, HARRY HODGES

(Second Award)

Captain, U.S. Army
Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Harry Hodges Semmes, Captain, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Vauquois, France, September 26, 1918. Captain Semmes left his tank under severe rifle fire and personally reconnoitered a passage for his tank across the German trenches, remaining dismounted until the last tank had passed. While so engaged he was severely wounded.

- General Orders No. 35, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Washington, DC

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Other Award: Distinguished Service Cross (WWI)

SONSTELIE, CARL J.

First Lieutenant, U.S. Army
3d Brigade, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Carl J. Sonstelie, First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Montfaucon, France, September 26, 1918. First Lieutenant Sonstelie displayed bravery and leadership of a high order in the advance toward Montfaucon by going out ahead of the engineers, reconnoitering a tank route under fire, and urging the tanks forward. He located the resistance in the Bois-de-Cuisy in advance later rallying disorganized soldiers and enabling them to hold the Bois-de-Cuisy.

- General Orders No. 128, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Kalispell, MT

***VARNEY, KIT R.**

Captain, U.S. Army
301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Kit R. Varney, Captain, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1919. When a dense fog and a smoke barrage had made visibility so poor that it was difficult to get his tanks into action, Captain Varney personally led his machines on foot several hundred yards in advance of the first wave of infantry, in the face of deadly artillery and machine-gun fire. He thus enabled his tanks to maintain their direction and cleared a path for the infantry, but in accomplishing this heroic task he was killed.

- General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919
Home Town: San Francisco, CA

VOIGT, RALPH L.

Private, U.S. Army
301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: October 17, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Ralph L. Voigt, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ribeaupville, France, October 17, 1918. Although severely wounded by a shell splinter during the attack, Private Voigt continued on duty without revealing his wound. During a halt he assisted in mopping up with the infantry, and again took up the advance, refusing to go to the rear for treatment. When he returned to the rallying point with the crew, he was sent to the hospital.

- General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Kingston, NY

WEBB, JOHN R.

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to John R. Webb, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Bellicourt, France, September 29, 1918, while his crew was engaged in digging out the tank, which had become ditched in a shell hole, in front of the main Hindenburg line, an enemy machine-gun opened fire on them at a distance of 30 yards. Being unable to use his guns on account of his position, Lieutenant Webb crawled forward to the machine-gun and killed the enemy gunners with his pistol. His act enabled the men to free the tank, which subsequently aided the advancing infantry.

- General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Tulsa, OK

WEED, NEWELL P.

Captain, U.S. Army
Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 26, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Newell P. Weed, Captain, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Foret de Argonne, France, September 26, 1918. During the operations on the edge of Foret de Argonne, Captain Weed advanced alone some 300 yards ahead of the tanks and infantry through heavy machine-gun fire in order to reconnoiter a passage for his command. Examining German trenches he was surprised by German infantrymen, and was being conducted to the rear when he heard one of his tanks. In spite of the fact that he was unarmed, and the Germans threatened his life if he moved, he signaled the tank and made his escape.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Montclair, NJ

WILLIAMS, CHARLES V.

Corporal, U.S. Army
Company B, 345th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 28, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Charles V. Williams, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Baulny, Meuse, France, September 28, 1918. During an attack on a hedge south of the Montrebeau Woods, Corporal Williams left his tank, which was out of action, and went through the severe rifle, machine-gun, and artillery fire to give first aid to his

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wounded lieutenant. He then took the wounded officer's place, leading the platoon of tanks to the objective through the intense enemy fire.

- General Orders No. 44, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Philadelphia, PA

WILLIAMS, FRANK J., JR.

Sergeant, U.S. Army
Company C, 301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Frank J. Williams, Jr., Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. While operating against the enemy, Sergeant Williams' tank received a direct hit, killing or wounding the entire crew. Although severely wounded, Sergeant Williams assisted his tank commander, who was severely wounded and temporarily blinded, to a position of shelter in the gap of a near-by trench. He then returned to his tank and under heavy fire continued to operate a 6-pounder against the enemy until driven out by armor-piercing shells. He then assisted in the operation of a machine gun against heavy enemy fire from a trench that lay between them and our first line. When it became sufficiently dark, he aided his tank commander to a first-aid station. His courage and heroic actions throughout the day were largely responsible for saving the life of the officer commanding his tank.

- General Orders No. No. 4, W.D., 1923
Home Town: Buffalo, NY

WINTON, DAVID J.

Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army
Company C, 345th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: October 4, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to David J. Winton, Second Lieutenant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Exermont, France, October 4, 1918. Lieutenant Winton (then sergeant) ran his tank into the wood to reduce a machine-gun nest, but it was hit and set on fire. He and the driver were wounded as they left the tank, but advanced on the nest and were both wounded the second time. While attempting to reach his companion, who had been hit the third time, Lieutenant Winton was again wounded, but reached the driver. They then took cover and remained until darkness, when Lieutenant Winton made his way back to our lines, being hit three more times while returning.

- General Orders No. 59, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Minneapolis, MN

WISHER, ROBERT F.

Private, U.S. Army
Company A, 301st Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 29, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Robert F. Wisner, Private, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Ronssoy, France, September 29, 1918. After aiding in rescuing the wounded from his tank, which had been struck by a shell, Private Wisner, with Corporal Albert F. Neil, dismounted machine-guns from the tank and operated them against the enemy until these were put out of action. They then secured rifles and hand grenades and organized an attack on the enemy trenches, which they captured and held until depletion of their numbers forced them to fall back. Later they joined Australian troops and fought with them throughout the remainder of the day.

- General Orders No. 32, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Philadelphia, PA

***WRIGHT, ERNEST N.**

Corporal, U.S. Army
Company C, 344th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 12 & 27, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Ernest N. Wright, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Nonsard, France, September 12, and near Varennes, France, September 27, 1918. Entering the town of Nonsard during an extremely heavy barrage, Corporal Wright put out of action an enemy machine-gun which was impeding the progress of our troops into the town. On September 27, accompanied by another tank, Corporal Wright advanced far ahead of the infantry and put to flight several enemy machine-guns. A counterattack by the enemy damaged his tank slightly, which forced him to withdraw to a supposed place of safety for repairs. Discovering his tank, the enemy shelled it, when both he and his companion were wounded, and taken to the rear for treatment. He returned to his tank voluntarily and rendered most valiant service until killed October 3.

- General Orders No. 44, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Amador City, CA

YOUNG, CHARLES C.

Sergeant, U.S. Army
Company A, 354th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.
Date of Action: September 27, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Charles C. Young, Sergeant, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Apremont, France, September 27, 1918. Although wounded twice by fire from antitank guns

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during the attack Sergeant Young continued at his post, refusing to be sent to the rear.

- General Orders No. 46, W.D., 1919
Home Town: Lansing, MI

***ZIMBORSKI, ALEXANDER JOHN**

Corporal, U.S. Army

Company C, 345th Battalion, Tank Corps, A.E.F.

Date of Action: October 4, 1918

Citation:

The Distinguished Service Cross is presented to Alexander John Zimborski, Corporal, U.S. Army, for extraordinary heroism in action near Bois-de-Montrebeau, France, October 4, 1918. While running his tank into a woods to rout a machine-gun nest, his tank was hit and set on fire. Corporal Zimborski fought on until compelled to leave because of the excessive heat. While he and his gunner were leaving the tank, they were both wounded, and when making an advance on a machine gun, Corporal Zimborski received further wounds, which caused his death.

- General Orders No. 37, W.D., 1919
Home Town: New York, NY

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ALASKA

Skagway - Pullen, Daniel D.

ARKANSAS

Little Rock - Edwards, Paul S.

CALIFORNIA

Amador City - Wright, Ernest N.
San Francisco - Varney, Kit R.
San Gabriel - Patton, George S., Jr.
Santa Barbara - Neil, Albert F.

ILLINOIS

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Wheaton - Gleason, John W.

INDIANA

Elkhart - Carroll, Troy C.
Gary - Kusener, Ernest F.

MASSACHUSETTS

Haverhill - Blanchard, Walter H.

MICHIGAN

Lansing - Young, Charles C.

MINNESOTA

Minneapolis - Winton, David J.
St. Louis Park - Nichols, Harley N.

MISSOURI

Kansas City - Heitz, Harry D.

MONTANA

Kalispell - Sonsteli, Carl J.

NEW JERSEY

Montclair - Weed, Newell P.
Morristown - Maury, Alfred B.
Pennsgrove - Angelo, Joseph T.
Springfield - Chisholm, Raymond C.

NEW YORK

Albany - Barnard, Courtney H.
Bath - Bowes, David M.
Buffalo - Williams, Frank J., Jr.
Kingston - Voigt, Ralph L.
New York - Ash, Harold James
New York - Zimborski, Alexander John

NORTH CAROLINA

Fayetteville - Paton, Noel E.
Statesville - Morrison, Julian K.

OHIO

Ironton - Gilfillan, Dean McGrew
Toledo - Ellis, Herbert J.

OKLAHOMA

Tulsa - Webb, John R.

OREGON

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Portland - Saul, Tom W.

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Philadelphia - Williams, Charles V.
Philadelphia - Wisher, Robert F.

RHODE ISLAND

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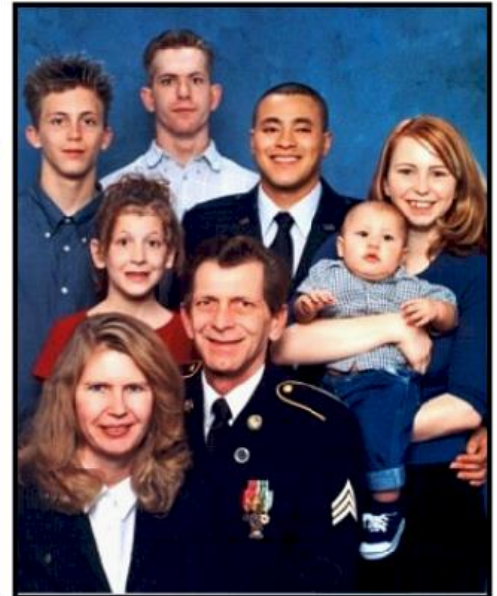
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"Mr. Doug Sterner, in the truest sense of the word, is a genuine "All American." As a patriot he is the best of the best. His passion for our country, our citizens and our children runs deep in his veins. He feels in his soul the great indebtedness we have to our country for the freedoms we enjoy. Doug speaks with great enthusiasm and a tremendous fervor, leaving you with your heart racing, standing taller and possibly drawing a tear from your eye, feeling proud to be an American."

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Congressional Medal of Honor*



Doug is a popular author, speaker, Webmaster, and historian who has dedicated his life to preserving the stories of our Nation's greatest heroes. He has single-handedly authored more than 22,000 web pages in his popular site at www.HomeOfHeroes.com, which receives more than 10 million hits each month. A dedicated public servant in his hometown of Pueblo, Colorado; he initiated and organized several programs to introduce Medal of Honor recipients to the community, including a series of school assemblies that brought history and inspiration to more than 32,000 youth in one day of activities. He and his wife Pam's continuing programs resulted in the Pueblo community bidding for and hosting the Medal of Honor convention in Pueblo in September 2000. Other activities have resulted in local schools promoting and passing legislation in two states authorizing distinctive Medal of Honor license plates.

Doug is a decorated, two-tour veteran of service in Vietnam where he served as a squad leader in the US Army. Following discharge from active duty he spent 6 years as a member of the Montana National Guard. In 1999 Governor Bill Owens appointed Doug to the Colorado State Board of Veterans Affairs. In 2001 he was elected to a 2-year term as Chairman of the Colorado State Board of Veterans Affairs.

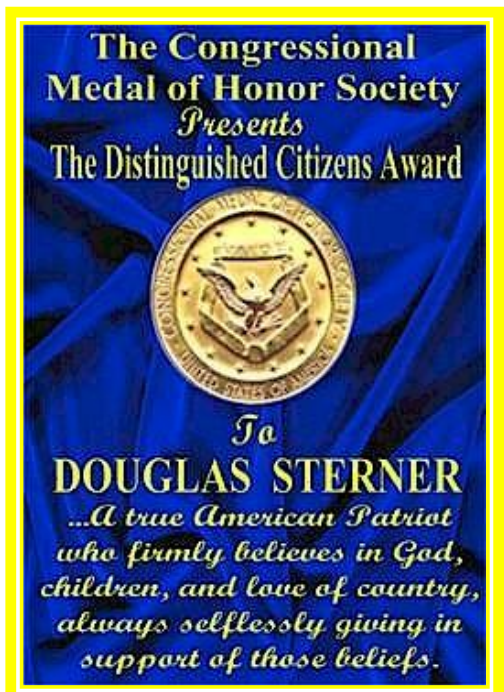
In 1998 the Congressional Medal of Honor Society recognized the continuing efforts of the Sterner Family when it presented Doug with its prestigious and unique Distinguished Citizens Award. More recent recognitions include the 2003 Southern Colorado Press Club's annual *Excellence in Media* award, and a recent recognition by F.B.I. Director Robert Mueller for his *Exceptional Service in the Public Interest* for his work to protect the integrity of military awards.

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