

78 CONGRESSIONAL MEDALS of HONOR to A.E.F.

By John Dickinson Sherman



Oh, the English an' the Irish an' the 'owlin' Scotlies, too. The Canucks and Austro-uns an' the 'airy French polie— The only thing that bothered us in all our staggerin' ranks Was wet in 'ell would 'appen wen the 'Uns 'ad 'it the Yanks

THE United States of America is preparing an illustrated history of the great war which will tell exactly what happened when the Huns hit the Yanks. In the meantime congress has picked out a few sattle fighting Yanks and awarded them the Medal of Honor, not for doing their mere duty, but for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty." Incidentally, this list could be easily doubled and trebled. Again: The names of American soldiers who wear other American, British and French decorations are legion; six of the 12,000 Americans who fought with the Canadians were awarded the Victoria Cross, the British decoration corresponding to the Medal of Honor. One out of 15,400 soldiers in action received the Medal of Honor.

I would like to see the official citations setting forth the acts of supreme courage of each of these 78 medalists printed in full in every newspaper in the land. I would like to see these citations made into a text-book and put into the public schools. I am not bloodthirsty, but I approve efficiency, even in killing Huns. And I think such a book would be an incentive to patriotism to every red-blooded American boy and girl—our future citizens.

As it is, there is space for little here besides the names of the medalists. Study the list and find out many interesting things for yourself.

You will note, for instance, that 21 are officers and 57 enlisted men. Nineteen paid the price with their lives. New York leads with nine; Illinois is second with seven, and California, Missouri, New Jersey, South Carolina and Tennessee share third honors with six each.

Military experts have long regarded the Marines the most efficient fighting men of all the armies of the world. Nevertheless, 39 of the medals go to the men of the National Guards; 23 to men of the selective draft organizations, 13 to regular army and marine units, 2 to the tank corps and 1 to the air service.

By divisions, the Thirtieth leads with 12 medals; it is the National Guard organization of the Carolinas and Tennessee. Second honors go to the Eighty-ninth division, which is the selective draft unit of western Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, South Dakota and New Mexico. The third is the Thirty-third or National Guard Division of Illinois. Fourth honors go to the famous Second division of regulars, which includes the marines, while fifth place is shared by the two New York divisions, the Twenty-seventh and the Seventy-seventh.

Sergeant Ellis, a regular, put in a whole day far in advance of the first wave of his company reducing machine-gun nests single-handed. He killed many of the enemy and captured ten machine guns and more than 50 prisoners.

Lieutenant Woodfill, also a regular, reduced three separate machine-gun nests, killing at least 12 of the enemy with rifle and pistol and finally two with a pick.

Lieutenant Luke, an eighteen-year-old volunteer aviator, destroyed 18 enemy aircraft in 17 days. Wounded and forced to make a landing, he killed attacking Germans with his pistol until he fell.

Sergeant York was originally a sincere conscientious objector. He was convinced from the Bible that "blessed are the peacemakers." So he went over to help make peace. He killed 24 of the enemy with rifle and pistol, put a whole machine-gun battalion out of business and marched 132 prisoners back to the American lines.

Every possible kind of courage was shown by these medalists. Roberts, when his tank slid into a flooded shell hole, deliberately gave his life to save his gunner. Blackwell gave his life in a volunteer attempt to get through heavy fire with a message. Whittlesey is the "Go to hell" officer of Argonne fame, who would not surrender. Loman wears also the Victoria Cross, Legion of Honor, the Medaille Militaire and the Croix de Guerre.

Don't forget the cartoon in which the one-armed hero and the potential hero who never got to the firing-line are each saying "You lucky guy!" And don't forget the potential heroes. Their hearts were broken.

The Complete List.

- Adkinson, Joseph B., sergeant, Company C, 119th infantry, 30th division, Atoka, Tenn.
- Alex, Jake, corporal, Company H, 131st infantry, 33d division, Chicago.
- Allworth, Edward S., captain, 60th infantry, 5th division, Crawford, Wash.

- Anderson, Johannes S., sergeant, Company B, 132d infantry, 33d division, Chicago.
- Barger, Charles D., private, first class, Company L, 354th infantry, 89th division, Stotts City, Mo.
- Barkeley, David B., private, Company A, 356th infantry, 89th division, San Antonio, Tex. Deceased.
- Barkeley, John L., private, first class, Company K, 4th infantry, 3d division, Blainstown, Mo.
- Bart, Frank J., private, Company C, 9th infantry, 2d division, Newark, N. J.
- Blackwell, Robert L., private, 119th infantry, 30th division, Hurles Mills, N. C. Deceased.
- Call, Donald M., second lieutenant, tank corps, Larchmont, N. Y.
- Chiles, Marcellus H., captain, 356th infantry, 89th division, Denver, Colo. Deceased.
- Colyer, Wilbur E., sergeant, Company A, 1st engineers, 1st division, Ozone Park, L. I. Deceased.
- Costin, Henry G., private, Company H, 115th infantry, 29th division, Cape Charles, Va. Deceased.
- Cukela, Louis, first lieutenant, 5th regiment marines, 2d division, Minneapolis, Minn.
- Dillboy, George, private, first class, Company H, 103d infantry, 29th division, Boston, Mass.
- Dozier, James C., first lieutenant, Company G, 118th infantry, 30th division, Rock Hill, S. C.
- Eggers, Alan Louis, sergeant, machine gun company, 107th infantry, 27th division, Summit, N. J.
- Ellis, Michael B., sergeant, Company C, 28th infantry, 1st division, East St. Louis, Ill.
- Forrest Arthur J., sergeant, Company D, 354th infantry, 89th division, Hannibal, Mo.
- Foster, Gary Evans, sergeant, Company F, 118th infantry, 30th division, Inman, S. C.
- Funk, Jesse N., private, first class, 354th infantry, 89th division, Calhan, Colo.
- Furlong, Richard A., first lieutenant, 353d infantry, 89th division, Detroit, Mich.
- Gaffney, Frank, private, first class, 108th infantry, 27th division, Lockport, N. Y.
- Gregory, Earl D., sergeant, headquarters company, 116th infantry, 29th division, Chase City, Va.
- Gumpertz, Sydney G., first sergeant, Company E, 132d infantry, 33d division, New York city.
- Hall, Thomas Lee, sergeant, Company G, 118th infantry, 30th division, Fort Hill, S. C. Deceased.
- Hatter, M. Waldo, sergeant, Company B, 356th infantry, 89th division, Neosho, Mo.
- Hays, George Price, first lieutenant, 10th field artillery, 3d division, Okarchee, Okla.
- Heriot, James D., corporal, Company I, 118th infantry, 30th division, Providence, S. C. Deceased.
- Hill, Ralyn, corporal, Company H, 129th infantry, 33d division, Oregon, Ill.
- Hilton, Richmond H., sergeant, Company H, 118th infantry, 30th division, Westville, S. C.
- Hoffman, Charles F., gunnery sergeant, 5th regiment marines, 2d division, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Johnston, Harold I., sergeant, Company A, 356th infantry, 89th division, Denver, Colo.
- Karnes, James E., sergeant, Company D, 117th infantry, 30th division, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Kaufman, Benjamin, first sergeant, Company K, 308th infantry, 77th division, Brooklyn, N. Y.
- Katz, Philip C., sergeant, Company C, 363d infantry, 91st division, San Francisco, Cal.
- Kocak, Matej, sergeant, Company C, 5th regiment marines, 2d division, Albany, N. Y.
- Kelly, John Joseph, private, 6th regiment marines, 2d division, Chicago.
- Latham, John Cridland, sergeant, machine gun company, 107th infantry, 27th division, Westmoreland, England.
- Lemert, Milo, first sergeant, Company H, 119th infantry, 30th division, Grossville, Tenn.
- Loman, Berger, private, Company H, 132d infantry, 33d division, Chicago.
- Luke, Frank, Jr., lieutenant, 27th aero squadron, Phoenix, Ariz. Deceased.

- Mallon, George H., captain, 132d infantry, 33d division, Kansas City, Mo.
- Manning, Sidney E., corporal, Company C, 167th infantry, 42d division, Flomaton, Ala.
- Mestrovitch, James I., sergeant, Company C, 11th infantry, 28th division, Fresno, Cal.
- Miles, L. Wardlaw, captain, 308th infantry, 77th division, Princeton, N. J.
- Miller, Oscar F., major, 361st infantry, 91st division, Los Angeles, Cal. Deceased.
- McMurtry George G., captain 308th infantry, 77th division, New York city.
- Neibaur, Thomas C., private, Company M, 167th infantry, 42d division, Sumner City, Idaho.
- O'Shea, Thomas E., corporal, machine gun company, 107th infantry, 27th division, Summit, N. J. Deceased.
- Peck, Archie A., private, Company A, 307th infantry, 77th division, Hornell, N. Y.
- Perkins, Michael J., private first class, Company D, 101st infantry, 26th division, Boston, Mass.
- Pike, Emery J., lieutenant colonel, division machine gun officer, 82nd division, Des Moines, Ia. Deceased.
- Pope, Thomas A., corporal, Company E, 131st infantry, 33d division, Chicago.
- Pruitt, John H., corporal, 78th company, 6th regiment of marines, 2d division, Phoenix, Ariz. Deceased.
- Regan, Patrick, second lieutenant, 115th infantry, 29th division, Los Angeles, Cal.
- Robb, George S., first lieutenant, 369th infantry, 93d division, Salina, Kan.
- Roberts, Gerald W., corporal, tank corps, San Francisco, Cal. Deceased.
- Sampller, Samuel H., sergeant, Company M, 142d infantry, 36th division, Mangum, Okla.
- Sandlin, Willie, private, Company A, 132d infantry, 33d division, Hayden, Ky.
- Sawelson, William, sergeant, Company —, 312th infantry, 78th division, Harrison, N. J. Deceased.
- Seibert, Floyd M., sergeant, Company F, 364th infantry, 91st division, Salinas, Cal.
- Skinker, Alexander R., captain, 138th infantry, 35th division, St. Louis, Mo. Deceased.
- Slack, Clayton K., private, Company E, 124th infantry, 31st division, Lampton, Wis.
- Smith, Frederick E., lieutenant colonel, 308th infantry, 77th division, Portland Ore. Deceased.
- Talley, Edward R., sergeant, Company L, 117th infantry, 30th division, Russellville, Tenn.
- Turner, Harold T., corporal, Company F, 142d infantry, 36th division, Seminole, Okla. Deceased.
- Turner, William S., first lieutenant, 105th infantry, 27th division, Dorchester, Mass.
- Van Iersal, Louis, sergeant, Company M, 9th infantry, 2d division, Newark, N. J.
- Villepigue, John C., corporal, Company M, 118th infantry, 30th division, Camden, N. C.
- Waalker, Reider, sergeant, Company A, 105th infantry, 27th division, Noreland, Norway.
- Ward, Calvin, private, Company D, 117th infantry, 30th division, Morristown, Tenn.
- West, Chester H., first sergeant, Company D, 363d infantry, 91st division, Idaho Falls, Idaho.
- Whittlesey, Charles W., lieutenant colonel, 308th infantry 77th division, Pittsfield, Mass.
- Wickersham, J. Hunter, second lieutenant, 353d infantry, 89th division, Denver, Colo. Deceased.
- Wold, Nels, private, Company I, 138th infantry, 35th division, McIntosh, Minn. Deceased.
- Woodfill, Samuel, first lieutenant (now captain), 64th infantry, 65th division, Fort Thomas, Ky.
- York, Alvin C., sergeant, Company G, 328th infantry, 82d division, Fall Mall, Tenn.

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