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*It was a difficult task to select from the thousands of acts of unusual bravery performed by American soldiers in France a few that stood out above all others. General Pershing's staff undertook the task, however, so that the most exceptional cases might be given the publicity they deserve. Below are the stories of the feats that won for some of the American fighters the coveted Distinguished Service Cross.*

**HARRY GROVER O'CONNOR,**  
Sergeant, Headquarters Detachment, Personnel Office, 78th Division.

Sergt. O'Connor was decorated for conspicuous bravery in action near St. Julien, France, October 15, 1918. Sergt. O'Connor volunteered and went from his division headquarters to one of the regiments in line to obtain much needed information and to arrange for liaison. He covered the distance of six kilometers through shell fire three times before the unit was found; and, while returning with the information, was seriously wounded by a shell which mortally wounded two companions. He gave water and first aid to the two men and dragged himself down the road until he met a soldier whom he sent for an ambulance. After reaching the hospital and having his wounds dressed, he left the hospital without the knowledge of the attendants and delivered the information to his division headquarters in person.

**RICHARD H. HILTON,**  
Sergeant, Company M, 118th Infantry.

Sergt. Hilton was decorated for conspicuous gallantry at Brancourt, France, October 11, 1918. While Sergt. Hilton's company was advancing through the village of Brancourt, it was held up by intense enfilading fire from a machine gun. Discovering that the fire came from a machine gun nest in a shell hole at the edge of the town, Sergt. Hilton, accompanied by a few other soldiers, but well in advance of them, pressed on toward this position, firing with his rifle until his ammunition was exhausted, and then with his pistol, killing six of the enemy and capturing ten. In the course of this daring exploit, Sergt. Hilton received a wound from a bursting shell which resulted in the loss of his arm. Sergt. Hilton's home is at Westville, S. C.

**WILBUR E. COLVER,**  
Sergeant, Company A, 1st U. S. Engineers.

For conspicuous gallantry in action near Verdun, France, October 9, 1918, Sergt. Colver was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. Volunteering, with two other soldiers, to locate machine gun nests, Sergt. Colver advanced on the hostile positions to a point where he was half surrounded by the nests, which were in ambush. He killed the gunner of one gun with a captured German grenade and then turned this gun on the other nests, silencing all of them before he returned to his platoon. He was later killed in action. Sergt. Colver lived with his father, William H. Colver, at 202 Helen avenue, South Ozone, L. I., N. Y.

**BERGER LEMAN,**  
Private, Company H, 132nd Infantry.

Private Leman was decorated for conspicuous gallantry in action near Consenvoye, France, October 9, 1918. When his company reached a point within 100 yards of its objective, to which it was advancing under terrific machine gun fire, Private Leman voluntarily and unaided, made his way forward, after all others had taken shelter from the direct fire of an enemy machine gun. He crawled to a flank position of the gun and after killing or capturing the entire crew, turned the machine gun on the retreating enemy. His mother, Mrs. Anna Leman, lives in Chicago.

**SIDNEY HOLZEMAN,**  
Private, Machine Gun Co., 132nd Infantry.

Private Holzman was decorated for extraordinary heroism in action in the Bois de Foret, France, October 10, 1918. After six runners had been killed or wounded in attempts to get through heavy shell fire with an important message from the regimental commander of the 39th infantry to the regimental commander of the 50th infantry, Private Holzman, with Private James J. Snyder, responded to a call for volunteers, and succeeded in delivering the message.

**LLOYD M. SEIBERT,**  
Sergeant, Company F, 364th Infantry.

Sergeant Seibert was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action near Epinville, France, September 26, 1918. Suffering from illness, Sergeant Seibert remained with his platoon and led his men with the highest courage and leadership under heavy shell and machine gun fire. With two other soldiers Seibert charged a machine gun emplacement in advance of their company, he himself killing one of the enemy with a shotgun, and capturing two others. In this encounter he was wounded, but he nevertheless continued in action, and when a withdrawal was ordered he returned with the last unit, assisting a wounded comrade. Later in the evening he volunteered and carried in wounded until he fainted from exhaustion. His father, George Seibert, lives in Salinas, Cal.

**JOSEPH W. SMITH,**  
First Lieutenant, 116th Infantry.

Lieutenant Smith was decorated for conspicuous gallantry in action near St. Baussant, France, September 12, 1918. Finding that his platoon would be under heavy fire from six enemy machine guns in crossing the Rupt de Mad, Lieutenant Smith plunged into the stream ahead of his men, and crossing to the opposite bank, exposed himself to fire from the guns in order to ascertain their exact location. He then led his men in a flank attack on the enemy position, capturing the guns and nineteen Germans, this officer himself carrying a rifle and using it with telling effect. Lieutenant Smith's quick judgment and disregard for personal safety enabled the entire line to advance without being separated from its barrage. His mother, Mrs. Ritta L. Smith, lives in Austin, Tex.

**MATEJ KOCAK,**  
Sergeant, Company C, 5th Regiment U. S. M. C.

Sergeant Kocak (deceased) won the Distinguished Service Cross for gallantry in action near Solissons, France, July 18, 1918. When the advance of his battalion was checked by a hidden machine gun nest, Sergeant Kocak went forward alone, unprotected by covering fire from his own men, and worked in between the German positions in the face of fire from enemy covering detachments. Locating the machine gun nest, he rushed it, and, with his bayonet drove off the crew. Shortly after this Sergeant Kocak organized 25 French colonial soldiers who had become separated from their company and led them in attacking another machine gun nest, which was also put out of action.

**THOMAS E. O'SHEA,**  
Corporal, M. G. Co., 107th Infantry.

Corp. O'Shea was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action near Le Catelet, France, September 20, 1918. Becoming separated from their platoon by smoke barrage, Corp. O'Shea, with two other soldiers, took cover in a shell hole well within the enemy lines. Upon hearing a call for help from an American tank, which had become disabled thirty yards from them, the three soldiers left their shelter and started toward the tank, under heavy fire from German machine guns and french mortars. In crossing the fire-swept area, Corp. O'Shea was mortally wounded and died of his wounds shortly afterward. He lived in Summit, N. J.

**JOHANNES S. ANDERSON,**  
First Sergeant, Company B, 132nd Infantry.

Sergt. Anderson was decorated for conspicuous gallantry in action at Consenvoye, France, October 8, 1918. While his company was being held up by intense artillery and machine gun fire, Sergt. Anderson, without aid, voluntarily left the company and worked his way to the rear of the nest that was offering the most stubborn resistance. His advance was made through an open area, and under constant hostile fire, but the mission was successfully accomplished and Sergt. Anderson not only silenced the gun and captured it, but also brought back with him twenty-three prisoners. His home address is Chicago.

**HERMAN DAVIS,**  
Private, Company I, 113th Infantry.

Private Davis, whose home is with his mother at Big Lake, Ark., won the Distinguished Service Cross for unusual bravery in action at Molleville farm, France, October 10, 1918. While acting as company runner Private Davis single-handedly attacked a German machine gun nest which was harassing the left flank of the company and preventing its advance. He killed four of the enemy and captured the gun, thus allowing the company to continue forward.

**JOHN CALVIN WARD,**  
Private, Company D, 117th Infantry.

Private Ward was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for conspicuous gallantry in action near Estrees, France, October 8, 1918. During an advance Private Ward's company was held up by a machine gun which was enfilading the line. Accompanied by a non-commissioned officer, he advanced against this position and succeeded in reducing the nest by killing three and capturing seven of the enemy and their guns. His mother, Mrs. Laura Ward, lives in Morristown, Tenn.

**CHARLES D. PRIEST,**  
Chaplain, 356th Infantry.

Chaplain Priest (deceased) was decorated for extraordinary heroism in action near Les Hui Chemins, France, September 29, 1918. Chaplain Priest disregarded personal danger by going six hundred yards beyond the front line, and with the aid of a soldier, carrying to a wounded man to shelter. Chaplain Priest's home was at 630 North La Salle street, Chicago, Ill.

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