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Fifty-two of the Many Keystone Men Decorated With D. S. C. for Valorous Deeds on Field of Battle

Francis R. Austin, first lieutenant, 109th Infantry. On November 11 he led a platoon of machine guns and two one-pounders, with their crews, under cover of a fog within the enemy's wire and attacked at a close range a strong point that was held by ten boche machine guns. After reducing this position, Lieutenant Austin and his men were forced to retreat. He exposed himself to protect his men and was mortally wounded. He died in a few hours.

Edmund W. Lynch, captain, 111th Infantry. On August 10, while his command was fighting at Fismette, his two platoons in his company were cut off by the enemy. Captain Lynch went to their rescue and engaged the enemy with his automatic pistol. He killed several but sacrificed his own life. He lived at Sharon Hill, Pa.

Alfred Stevenson, sergeant, Company C, 111th Infantry. Sergeant Stevenson, on August 10, while his regiment was fighting at Fismette, went through heavy machine-gun fire to carry a message to an advanced unit. On his return he went to the aid of a wounded comrade and sustained a mortal wound. He lived in Linwood, Pa.

Edwin MacBeth, sergeant, Company C, 111th Infantry. While his regiment was fighting at Fismette, on August 10, MacBeth volunteered to carry an important message to an advanced unit. His companion was fatally wounded when they went to the rescue of a wounded soldier. MacBeth, unable to carry two men, returned to his unit and obtained assistance.

Thomas Bailey, captain, 111th Infantry. On September 4, the advance of his regiment was held up at Fismes, because its commander lacked information concerning enemy positions. Captain Bailey, then a first lieutenant, volunteered to penetrate enemy lines. Crawling 100 yards across an open space and then traversing 200 yards of woods infested by the enemy, he obtained and returned to his regiment with such valuable information that a successful attack followed.

Edward J. Jordan, corporal, M Company, 111th Infantry. At Fismette, Jordan crawled toward the enemy lines and under a withering fire rescued a comrade who had been wounded the previous night. He sustained a leg wound.

William J. Nixon, private, sanitary detachment, 111th Infantry. In the fighting at Fismette, August 10-13, Nixon saw five of his comrades lying wounded on enemy territory. Despite a deluge of boche machine-gun bullets he tried to rescue them and succeeded when he organized a counter-attacking force.

Joseph J. Dunn, private, K Company, 111th Infantry. On September 26, when his regiment was fighting in the Argonne forest, Dunn was separated from his comrades. Making his way back to his command, he discovered four Germans operating a machine gun. Armed with a pistol and hand grenades he rushed them and forced them to surrender. He led the prisoners into his own lines.

Earl H. Patterson, corporal, Battery D, 109th Field Artillery. For extraordinary heroism in action near Apremont, France, October 4, 1918. While acting as runner for the battalion, Corporal Patterson constantly exposed himself to shellfire. While taking a message to the battalion commander at Apremont he was wounded, but, regardless of his own suffering and danger, endeavored to carry a comrade, who was mortally wounded, to a place of safety. He then delivered the message before he would allow his wounds to be dressed. He lives in Wilkes-Barre.

Charles E. Rowan, first lieutenant, 307th Field Artillery. Heroism in action near Fismes, France, September 6, 1918. Lieutenant Rowan led a patrol out of the infantry lines in order to adjust the artillery fire on machine guns which were holding up the advance. It was found necessary to advance about half a mile beyond the front lines across open ground swept by machine-gun fire, but undaunted,

he was begun. First Lieutenant Rowan was wounded by a machine-gun bullet. Exemplifying in the highest degree the spirit of self-sacrifice and devotion to duty, Lieutenant Rowan remained with his command for an hour and one-half until the hostile attack was repulsed. He has since died from the wounds received in this engagement. Next of kin, Mrs. Richard M. Rowan, mother, Altoona, Pa.

Robert S. Cain, captain, 111th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action near Fismette, France, August 10-12, 1918. Armed with an automatic rifle, Captain Cain personally led the advance elements of the line in driving the enemy from the forest north of the Vesle river, thereby maintaining liaison at great personal risk. Home address, 4063 Penn avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ralph E. Knaut, private, Battery D, 107th Field Artillery. For extraordinary heroism in action near Mont Saint Martin, France, August 19, 1918. Seeing another soldier seriously wounded, Private Knaut bravely to his assistance and, under heavy shellfire, carried him to safety. Home address, Reno, Pa.

Asher Miner, colonel, 109th Field Artillery. For extraordinary heroism in action near Apremont, France, October 4, 1918. One of the batteries of the regiment commanded by this officer, assigned to an advanced position in direct support of an infantry attack, was heavily shelled by the enemy while it was going into action. It being necessary, therefore, to take another position, Colonel Miner went forward under heavy shellfire and personally supervised the placing of the guns in the new position. Colonel Miner continued his efforts until he received a severe wound that later necessitated the amputation of his leg. Home address, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Robert M. Vail, major, 108th Machine-Gun Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action near Apremont, France, September 2, 1918. During the crossing of the Vesle river Major Vail expedited the construction of bridges by his advice and assistance. He personally cut a passageway through enemy barbed wire along the river and then led his troops through this opening. When the officers of a machine-gun platoon were killed and the men were falling back in confusion, Major Vail kept his forces intact 1200 yards in front of an infantry support, holding the position until re-enforced by an infantry unit. Home address, Scranton, Pa.

T. O. Mader, first sergeant, Battery A, 109th Field Artillery. In an action near Apremont, on October 2, Sergeant Mader displayed unusual heroism and coolness by helping to guide sections of his battery over a road swept by enemy fire. During this process eight men were wounded and ten horses killed, including the one which the sergeant was riding. Sergeant Mader sustained frightful wounds, but stuck to his task and did not quit until his battery was in a safe position. He refused medical attention until others in his little command were treated. He lives in Auderied, Pa.

John W. O'Daniel, second lieutenant, 111th Infantry. Lieutenant O'Daniel, a Baltimore boy, was in command of a platoon and during the fighting near Bois St. Claude, in the St. Mihiel sector, on September 12, sustained a severe head wound. He was advised to retire, but refused and stuck by his command for several hours. He did not relinquish command until completely exhausted.

Alois J. Guenther, sergeant, C Company, 111th Infantry. Sergeant Guenther hails from Pittsburgh, and distinguished himself on August 10. His company was fighting west of Fismette, and Guenther with his comrade, Sergeant Ralph Edward Odd, of Dravesburg, Pa., saw a wounded soldier lying in an exposed position. The two sergeants crawled through a heavy machine gun and shell fire to the wounded man and carried him seventy-five yards over an open field back to a place of shelter. Both were cited and awarded Distinguished Service Crosses.

John W. Thompson, sergeant, G Company, 111th Infantry. On August 10, Thompson's company was in action west of Fismette. A German machine gun was playing havoc with

G Company, and Sergeant Thompson, with the aid of two soldiers, rushed in. They killed the crew and then turned the gun upon German infantry. Three other German machine-gun crews were killed and in the brief action ten machine-guns were captured. Thompson's work cleared the way for an advance of the American infantry.

Henry S. Lawrence, sergeant, B Company, 108th Machine-Gun Battalion, Sergeant Lawrence, of Peckville, Pa., commanded a platoon in action near Baslieux on September 5. His advance was held up by enemy machine-gun fire and flames, but Lawrence, accompanied by another soldier, grabbed a rifle and bayonet and crawling under the enemy wire, drove off the crew of several guns. He returned with two prisoners, and his platoon pressed forward. Later when his platoon was raked by heavy fire the plucky sergeant went along the line of his gun emplacements and cheered his men. His courage was an inspiration to the men throughout the engagement.

Walter C. Sweeney, colonel, chief of staff. Colonel Sweeney as chief of staff distinguished himself so many times during the fighting of the Iron Division that General Pershing gave him a D. S. C. He proved to be a fearless soldier and had several narrow escapes. He is a regular army officer.

Joseph M. Fuller, sergeant, Battery D, 107th Field Artillery, Wilkes-Barre, D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action near Apremont, October 4, 1918. He left an observation post to aid in the rescue of an officer who had fallen in a field swept by artillery and machine-gun fire. After administering first aid he carried the officer to a place of safety. His prompt action saved the officer's life.

Henry D. Jones, corporal, of Wilkes-Barre, Battery D, 109th Field Artillery, D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action near La Choue Touda, France, October 4. He left an observation post and exposed himself to intense artillery and machine-gun fire, and dressed the wounds of an officer who had fallen in the open. He carried the officer to a dressing station, thereby saving his life.

Elmer C. Norris, private, of Woodsfield, O., Battery E, 107th Field Artillery; D. S. C. for extraordinary heroism in action near Fismes, France, on August 28. Although severely injured by gas he refused to be evacuated, voluntarily remaining on duty for two days, repairing telephone connections day and night over shell-swept areas from the battery position to the observation post. He maintained connections until ordered to the rear.

John J. Dean, sergeant, Company B, 110th Infantry; D. S. C. for heroism in action near Montblainville, France, September 27, 1918. Although wounded in the leg by a machine-gun bullet, he refused to be evacuated. Upon his platoon reaching its objective, he consolidated the new position and repulsed a strong counter-attack with heavy losses to the enemy. He then reported to his battalion commander.

Roland Kerr, sergeant, 3027 Wyandoming avenue, Philadelphia, Company M, 111th Infantry; D. S. C. for heroism in action near Fismette, France, August 11, 1918. He volunteered to carry a severely wounded officer to a dressing station across a bridge subjected to intense enemy fire. With three other soldiers he started across the bridge with the wounded man. One stretcher bearer was killed and another wounded. Corporal Kerr continued alone with his charge, and after reaching the dressing station returned and rescued the wounded stretcher bearer on the bridge.

Herbert B. Ryman, captain, of Mount Park, Ill., 107th Field Artillery, D. S. C. in action near Apremont, France, October 1, 1918. Counter-attacked by two regiments of the enemy, Colonel Thompson, then a major, encouraged his battalion in the front line by constantly leaving the hazardous fire of machine-guns and artillery. His courage was

mainly responsible for the heavy repulse of the enemy. Later in the action he rushed forward under heavy rifle and machine-gun fire and took command of the machine-gun nests and succeeded in reducing these strongholds.

Patrick P. McCarry, private, of Duquesne, Pa., Battery B, 109th Field Artillery, D. S. C. in action near Fismes, France, September 1, 1918. Seeing a wounded comrade lying in an open field swept by a severe enemy barrage, he went to his rescue and was mortally wounded.

Dominick Zello, private, Company M, 111th Infantry; D. S. C. in action near Fismette, France, August 10-11, 1918. Three times he volunteered and carried wounded comrades to the dressing station. Each trip was made with great personal danger. On August 11, while assisting three other men to carry a seriously wounded comrade to the aid station, one of the party was killed and the other two were driven from the road by intense machine-gun fire. Zello, however, alone carried the wounded man to shelter, from which he was evacuated that night. He was killed the next day in the advance line of attack.

Elmer E. Woerner, sergeant, of Myersstown, Pa., Company M, 111th Infantry, D. S. C. for leading patrol to locate hidden machine-gun nests. He placed his men in advantageous positions and then advanced alone to draw fire from the enemy strongholds. He was killed in the execution of his mission, but his heroic action saved the lives of many in the advance that followed.

Thomas Gaddis, first lieutenant, of South Oil City, Pa., Company K, 111th Infantry, D. S. C. in action near La Choue Touda, France, October 5, 1918. When his company had been held up by a sweeping fire from a machine-gun nest, he, in charge of a patrol of five men, went forward to reduce the nest. Driven back once, the patrol advanced a second time. When the patrol was 800 feet from the nest, two gas shells opened fire, killing three of the five men, whom Sergeant Gaddis rushed forward alone and killed the crews of both guns with hand grenades. His action made possible the advance of the line and saved the lives of many of his comrades.

E. J. Stackpole, Jr., captain, of Harrisburg, Pa., 110th Infantry, D. S. C. in action near Apremont, France, August 24, 1918. Directed to advance to a new position, he led his men forward with great gallantry, although mortally wounded in the back and leg by shell-fragments. He remained on duty with his men, in spite of their being cut off and ordered to hold a difficult position against a terrible twenty-four-hour attack by the enemy.

Henry E. Hacker, private, of the Bronx, N. Y., Company A, 110th Infantry, D. S. C. in action near Apremont, France, October 1, 1918. He overheard a lieutenant report to the battalion commander the location of an enemy machine-gun nest, which was causing heavy casualties among our troops. Due to the heavy shell-firing delay in the bringing up of a gun, the situation was serious. Private Hacker realized the immediate need of silencing the enemy machine-guns, and acted upon his own initiative. He advanced alone for 500 yards over a fire-swept area, attacked and captured the enemy crews of six men and two machine-guns and brought them back to our lines.

Lester Carson, private, of Clearfield, Pa., Company L, 111th Infantry, D. S. C. in action at Fismette, France, August 11, 1918. After a runner had been killed in trying to carry a message from Fismette to Fismes, Private Carson volunteered and successfully delivered a duplicate message over the same route through heavy artillery and machine-gun fire.

Joseph H. Thompson, lieutenant colonel, of Beaver Falls, Pa., 110th Infantry, D. S. C. in action near Apremont, France, October 1, 1918. Counter-attacked by two regiments of the enemy, Colonel Thompson, then a major, encouraged his battalion in the front line by constantly leaving the hazardous fire of machine-guns and artillery. His courage was

ment to three other soldiers. Though weakened by loss of blood and in the intense pain, he refused treatment until the others had been properly taken care of.

William Shane, corporal, of Pittsburgh, Pa., Company L, 111th Infantry, D. S. C. in action near La Choue Touda, France, October 1, 1918. Seeing the commanding officer of an adjacent unit fall wounded, he left his place of safety and leaped the intense fire to the side of the officer. After a struggle he managed to drag the officer to a place of safety.

Albert Shad, first sergeant, 6146 Saybrook avenue, West Philadelphia, Company L, 111th Infantry, D. S. C. in action near Montblainville, France, September 29, 1918. Sergeant Shad, with a detail of sixteen men attempted to clean up a machine-gun nest, which was enfilading the Montblainville road. He left his men in a sheltered position, where a counter-fire could be directed upon the enemy, and then advanced alone, loaded the last grenade, put the others to flight and destroyed the gun. He repeated the operation on October 4, near La Choue Touda, and for that received the oak leaf cluster.

E. E. Winchester, sergeant, of Gosh, Ill., Company M, 111th Infantry, D. S. C. in action near La Choue Touda, France, October 4, 1918. After three attempts to knock out an enemy machine-gun nest had failed, Sergeant Winchester led a fourth patrol. Even when all his patrol members were wounded, he pressed on. He was finally killed, but not until after he paved the way for the destruction of the nest.

Wilson H. Leiter, private, of Harrisburg, Pa., Company M, 111th Infantry, Distinguished Service Cross, in action near Fismette, France, August 11, 1918. While his company was withdrawing to a place of safety he stepped in a mine exposed position and picked up a badly wounded man. He continued in the general withdrawal, bearing his man until he reached a dressing station.

Elmer L. Epplheimer, sergeant, of West Chester, Company L, 111th Infantry, Distinguished Service Cross, in action near Fismes, France, August 4, 1918. He volunteered as a runner across a ruffled bridge. He made a successful crossing and offered to cross again in order to inform our batteries that the barrage was falling short. When he reached the middle of the bridge an enemy shell exploded, wounding him and throwing him into the water. He swam in great pain, but delivered his message without delay.

Dennis E. Nolan, lieutenant general, 45th 8th Infantry Brigade, Distinguished Service Cross, in action near Apremont, France, October 1, 1918. In a terrific enemy barrage General Nolan made his way to the town of Apremont and personally directed the operation of his tanks. His courage so inspired his forces that about 400 of our troops repulsed an enemy attack of two German regiments.

Jay Dunlap, corporal, of East Pittsburgh, Company L, 111th Infantry, Distinguished Service Cross, in action near Apremont, France, October 1, 1918. Although he knew that two men had been killed trying to rescue a wounded comrade who was lying far out in front of the line, he volunteered and accomplished the rescue.

Harry F. Carnahan, private, of Birdville, Company M, 111th Infantry, Distinguished Service Cross, in action near Fismette, France, August 11, 1918. Although the bridge crossing the Vesle was being heavily shelled and many men were killed attempting to cross it, the private made repeated trips and each time brought back a wounded comrade. He was finally wounded but steadfastly refused evacuation.

Larch Stiffenell, private, of Norristown, Battery C, 107th Field Artillery, Distinguished Service Cross, in action near Petegrolle, Belgium, October 1, 1918. He was

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