

Company "E" 309th Infantry,
A.E.F., France, 26th January, 1919.

From: Commanding Officer, Company "BE", 309th Infantry.

To: Commanding Officer, 309th Infantry.

Subject: Award of Distinguished Service Cross

1. I hereby make the following recommendation for award of Distinguished Service Cross, pursuant to Par. II, G.O. 144, G.H.Q. A.E.F., 29th August, 1918.
To Private Walter D. White, 1750790.
Company "B", 309th Infantry.

2. Act occurred on morning of 1st November, 1918, in Bois des Loges, west of Champignuelle.

3. Next of Kin: Mrs. Carrie L. White, (Mother)
Byron, New York.

4. The circumstances of the act for which it is recommended that this award be made are as follows;

Private White, who was a runner, volunteered to carry a message to the Bois des Loges. In order to reach that place he had to cross a long stretch of open country that was under heavy machine gun and shell fire. He delivered his message successfully and was returning, when he was killed by a burst of machine gun fire. His constant devotion to duty and his willingness to serve were marked attributes of his character, and served as an inspiration to his fellow runners.

5. I was in command of Company "B" at the time of above stated act and have personal knowledge of same.

Joseph L. Wills
Joseph L. Wills,
1st Lieut., 309th Infantry,
Commanding Company "B".

1st Ind.

C.O., 1st Battalion, 309th Infantry, American E.F., 26th Feb. 1919. To- Commanding Officer, 309th Infantry, - Forwarded recommending approval.

Dewitt H. Parsons
Dewitt H. Parsons,
Captain, 309th Infantry,
Commanding 1st Battalion.

2nd Ind.

309th Infantry, A.E.F., 10th March, 1919. - To Commanding General, 78th Division, forwarded, recommending approval.

John M. Morgan
JOHN M. MORGAN,
Colonel, 309th Infantry,
Commanding.

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WALTER D. WHITE, PVT 309TH INF (P)

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