

General Headquarters  
Personnel Division.  
Decoration Section.

France, 22 March '19.

The Adjutant General, American R.F.  
Commanding General, 78th Division.

Decorations.

1. The Commander-in-Chief, in the name of the President, has awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to the following member of your command, for the act of extraordinary heroism described after his name:

Private Walter D. White, (Deceased), Co. B, 309th Inf.  
(AS No. 1750790) No.

For extraordinary heroism in action near the Bois des Loges, France, 1 Nov. '18.

While acting as runner, Private White volunteered to carry a message across a long stretch of open country which was subjected to heavy machine gun and artillery fire. He successfully crossed the space and delivered his message, but in an attempt to return, he was killed by a rain of machine gun bullets. His conduct served as an inspiration to other runners.

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

2. The Adjutant General of the Army has been requested to make presentation to the next kin of the deceased person named above.

By Command of General Pershing:

F. L. Whitley.  
Adjutant General.

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