

201 White, Walter D.
(Mis. Div.)

May 9, 1919

Mrs. Carrie L. White,
Byron, New York.

Dear Madam:-

This office has been advised by the Commanding General, American Expeditionary Forces (Courier cable 299), that he has awarded the distinguished-service cross posthumously to your son, Private Walter D. White, Company B, 309th Infantry for "Extraordinary heroism in action near the Bois de Loges, France, November 1, 1918. While acting as runner, he 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."

The Quartermaster General of the Army has been directed to forward the cross to you and it is believed that you will receive it in a short time.

Very truly yours,

J. T. Kerr
Adjutant General
In charge of office.

WEC/EVH

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