

OPINION

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Heroic Action in WWI



To the Editor:
 My name is Ashely Ballou and I am a sixth grade student from Salk Middle School in Elk River, Minnesota. I recently researched a WWI veteran who received the Distinguished Service Cross and is from the town of Roosevelt close to Baudette. I am hoping that you can print my letter and share it with people up there, especially if he still has family living in the area.

Sincerely,
 Ashley

I would like to tell everyone about a soldier named Ernest O. Bailey who fought in World War I. Ernest O. Bailey was from Roosevelt, Minnesota and his rank was Corporal. Bailey did his heroic action on October 9th and October 17th, 1918. He was in Premont, France on October 9th and was in Molain, France on October 17th. Ernest Bailey earned the Distinguished Service Cross Medal for his heroic actions.

Bailey's company, company E, was held by machine gun fire in the second Battle of Cambrai. He carried a message across open ground to a tank commander whose tanks brought needed support for reducing the machine gun nests. That was on October 9th. On October 17th, the Battle of the Selle began. Ernest Bai-

ley risked his life when he was in company with an officer and he braved intense shell fire to rescue a wounded soldier.

The Battle of Cambrai was important because it was the first large-scale use of tanks and the first pre-registration of large caliber guns for an offensive. The Battle of Selle followed after Battle of Cambrai. The Battle of Selle was the Allied forces against the German Army. It is part of the war known as the last 100 days of World War I. It was one of the battles that bended the war quite a bit.

The Distinguished Service Cross Medal is an honor that a soldier receives for one or more of the following reasons: if they distinguish themselves by extraordinary heroism, not justifying the medal of honor; in any capacity with the army; if they engage in an action against an enemy of the U.S; if they engage in military operations involving conflict with an opposing or foreign force; lastly, by serving with friendly foreign forces engaged in an army conflict against an opposing armed force. The medal is a bronze cross hanging from a red, white and blue ribbon. An eagle is in the middle of the cross and it is holding a scroll that reads "FOR VALOR". On the other side of the cross is a

wreath where the name goes in between.

Ernest Bailey earned the medal by going out in the open to carry a message to bring reinforcements to get rid of machine gun nests which shows that he was engaged in military operations involving conflict with an opposing force. When he rescued a wounded soldier while there was intense shell fire, it showed that he distinguished himself by extraordinary heroism.

Ernest O. Bailey did something very brave that could've caused his life to end. If he had not gone out and recruited reinforcements for the machine gun nests, many U.S. soldiers would have died. Bailey put his own life at risk going into severe shell fire to rescue a wounded soldier that could have just been left there to die. The people of our community should remember and respect not just Ernest O. Bailey, but all the soldiers that have ever served for our country and those who still do. They all played a small part in a bigger picture just like how Ernest Bailey saved a lot of lives doing what he did in World War I.

Ashley Ballou
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Keep their road clean

Dear Editor:
 I am writing because I am so tired with the county. My son and I are

snow blowers but they got the right to just plug us in so bad that it was almost up to our waist! Now tell me

you show some respect to people who are trying to keep their road clean and open. Or is it that the

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