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Catholic Heroes OF THE WORLD WAR



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HENRY E. ZAX.

Henry E. Zax, who has been reported to the Catholic war records from St. Ann's Parish, Louisville, Ky., was a corporal in Co. B. 120th Infantry, 30th Division. The 30th Division staged their second act in the Somme Offensive from October 6 to 11, 1918, after a three day so-called rest. In this attack they advanced ten miles over a front of about four miles, according to the official data of the 2d American Corps.

The enemy's resistance was slight until the last two days when he made a determined stand in the vicinity of Vaux-Andigny. It was in this locality, on October 11, that Corporal Zax collected a wound stripe and won a Distinguished Service Cross.

He was detailed to a dangerous liaison patrol. It was necessary to locate and establish communication with the unit on the right of his own. Despite the intensity of the fire, he located the unit, but the moment of his success brought also a serious wound.

The wound endangered the completion of his mission, which required a report to his command. Nevertheless, he secured first aid treatment and made his way back to battalion headquarters, where he delivered a complete report to his commander, before being taken to the rear because of the gravity of his wound.

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