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*from the old home*  
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 and Mrs. Robert Mead, Who brought the Decorations from Marshal Peta  
 Headqu s.

(C) Underwood & Underwood

THIS FOLDER SHOULDE BE SENT  
TO MACLAY REED HYDE

MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

SEE OVER PLEASE

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SOCIÉTÉ



FRANÇAISE

DE SECOURS AUX BLESSÉS MILITAIRES

(CROIX-ROUGE FRANÇAISE)



*Madame Dwight*

Adresse

*Boulevard Hausmann*

MEMBRE SOUSCRIPTEUR

PARIS, le

*10 novembre 1917*

Le Titulaire,

Le Président du Comité,

Secrétaire Général

*Mervaleu*





**THE** **STATUTES**  
**OF** **THE**  
**DISTINGUISHED** **SERVICE ORDER.**

NOTE.—The Distinguished Service Order was instituted on 6th September, 1886. The Bar was instituted on 23rd August, 1916.

## George R. I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these presents shall come, greeting ;

Whereas Her late Majesty Our Beloved Grandmother Queen Victoria by a Warrant dated the 6th day of September 1886 did institute and create a new Naval and Military Order of Distinction designated the Distinguished Service Order for the purpose of rewarding individual instances of meritorious or distinguished service in war ;

And Whereas the said Royal Warrant was subsequently amended by Royal Warrants dated 24th July 1902, 2nd July 1903, 15th October 1903 and 23rd August 1916 ;

And Whereas it is Our Royal Will and Pleasure that the Officers of Our recently constituted Air Force shall be eligible for appointment to Our said Distinguished Service Order ;

And Whereas We deem it expedient that all amendments to the Statutes of Our said Order heretofore promulgated, or now to be promulgated, shall be incorporated in a Royal Warrant under Our Sign Manual ;

Now Therefore We do hereby declare that the rules and ordinances heretofore in force for the government of Our said Order shall be abrogated, cancelled and annulled, and We are graciously pleased to make, ordain and establish the following rules and ordinances in substitution for the same, which shall henceforth be inviolably observed and kept ;

Firstly : It is ordained that this Order shall henceforth be styled and designated the "Distinguished Service Order."

Secondly : It is ordained that the Order shall consist of the Sovereign, and of such Members or Companions as We, Our Heirs or Successors, shall appoint.

Thirdly : It is ordained that We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens, Regnant of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperors and Empresses of India, are and for ever shall be Sovereigns of this Order.

Fourthly : It is ordained that no person shall be eligible for this distinction who doth not actually hold, at the time of his nomination, a Commission in Our Navy, in Our Land Forces or Marines, in Our Air Force or in Our Indian or Colonial Naval or Military Forces, or a Commission in one of the Departments of Our Navy, Army or Air Force, the holder of which is entitled to Honorary or relative Navy, Army or Air Force rank, nor shall any person be nominated unless his services shall have been marked by the especial mention of his name, by the Admiral or Senior Naval Officer Commanding a Squadron or detached Naval Force, or by the Commander-in-Chief of the Forces in the Field, in despatches for meritorious or distinguished service in the Field, or before the enemy.

Fifthly : It is ordained that Foreign Officers who have been associated in Naval, Military or Aerial operations with Our Forces shall be eligible to be Honorary Members of this Order.

Sixthly : It is ordained that when We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be pleased to appoint any person to be a Member of this Order, such appointment shall be made by Warrant under Our Sign Manual, and countersigned by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

Seventhly : It is ordained that anyone who, after having performed services for which this Order is awarded, subsequently performs an approved act of gallantry which, if he had not received the Order, would have entitled him to it, shall be awarded a Bar to be attached to the riband by which the Badge is suspended, and for every additional such act an additional Bar may be added.

Eighthly : It is ordained that an Officer shall be appointed to this Order, that is to say, a Secretary and Registrar.

Ninthly : It is ordained that the Secretary and Registrar of this Order shall be appointed by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, and shall have the custody of the archives of the Order. He shall attend to the service of the Order and shall execute such directions as he may receive from our Principal Secretary of State for War.

Tenthly : It is ordained that this Order shall rank next to and immediately after Our Order of the British Empire, and that the Companions thereof shall in all places and assemblies whatsoever have place and precedency next to and immediately after the Commanders of Our said Order of the British Empire and shall rank among themselves according to the date of their respective nominations.

Eleventhly : It is ordained that the Badge of the Order shall consist of a gold cross, enamelled white, edged gold, having on one side thereof in the centre, within a wreath a laurel enamelled green, the Imperial Crown in gold upon a red enamelled ground and on the reverse, within a similar wreath and on a similar red ground, the Royal Cypher, and shall be suspended from the left breast by a red riband, edged blue, of one inch in width.

Twelfthly : It is ordained that the names of those whom We may be pleased to admit to Membership of this Order shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and a registry thereof kept in the Office of Our Secretary of State for War.

Thirteenthly : In order to make such additional provision as shall effectively preserve pure this honourable distinction, it is ordained that if any person admitted to Membership of this Order shall be convicted of treason, cowardice, felony, or of any infamous crime, or if he be accused of any such offence and doth not after a reasonable time surrender himself to be tried for the same, his name shall be erased, by an Order under the Royal Sign Manual, from the register of Members of the said Order. And it is hereby



declared that We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be the sole judge of the conduct which may require the erasure from the register of the name of the offending person, and that it shall at all times be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to restore the name if such restoration should be justified by the circumstances of the case.

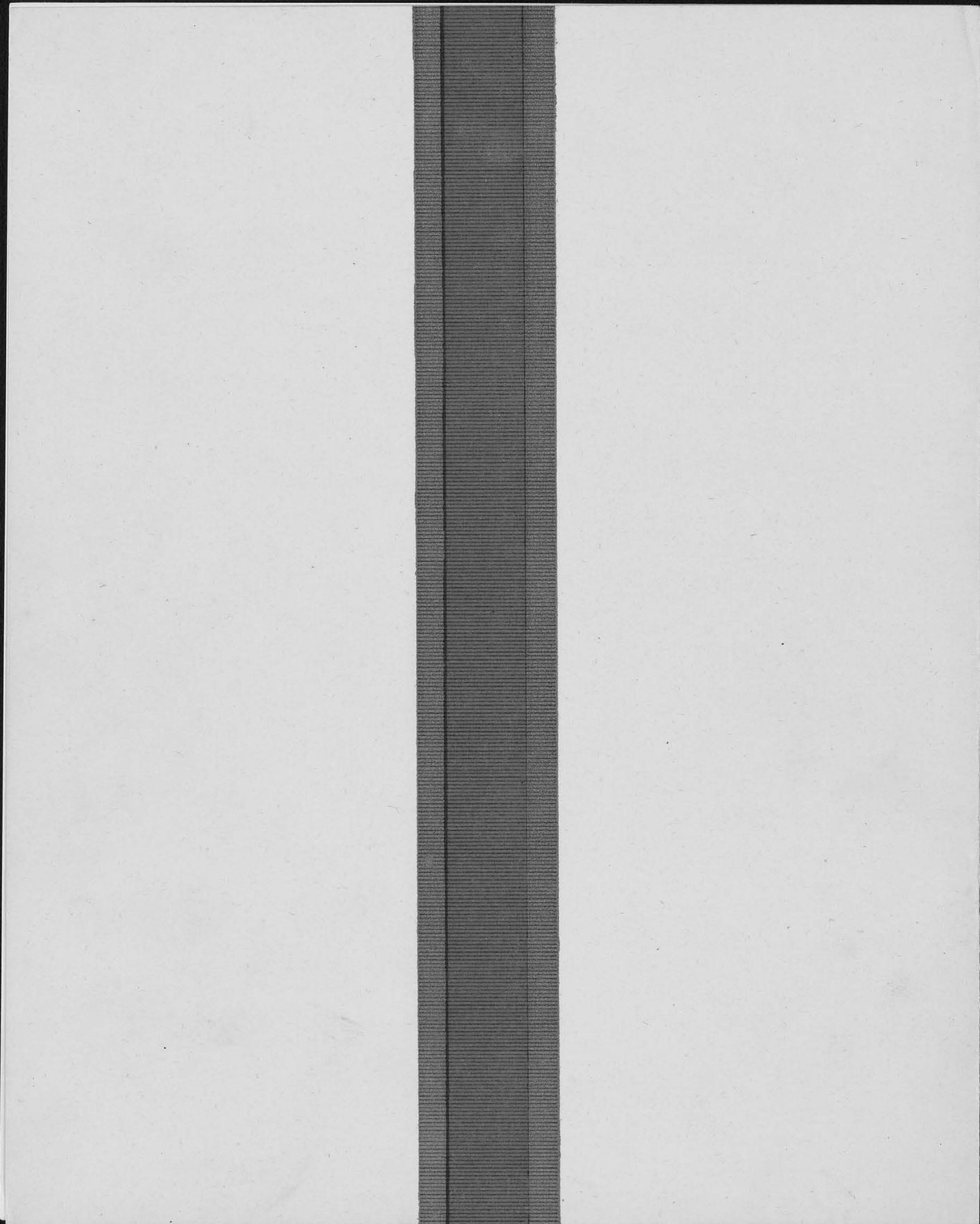
Lastly : We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with these Regulations or any part thereof by a notification under the Sign Manual of the Sovereign of the Order.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this first day of April, in the eighth year of Our Reign, and in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen.

By His Majesty's Command,

MILNER.

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MRS. JANE REED DWIGHT



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Memo.

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2. Shall ASB ~~was~~ signing - <sup>present</sup> use military  
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ASB.  
Lieut Col. Eugene ABR.
3. Wish to include in petition entire group  
of YMCA workers mentioned in letter  
of
4. How best presented. ASB suggests  
Landing documents with petition to  
Asst Secy of War Wainwright, (personal  
friend) and getting him to send them  
over to Dept of State with his endorsement.

Letters from Mrs. Arthur S. Dwight  
to her family - while serving  
in France during the Great War -  
August 1917 - May 1919  
in French Red Cross; American YmCA.

Received copies from.  
Susan Hoyt Handley on  
October 26, 1989 while she  
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Uncle Arthur. 10/27/89 KG.

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STAB 4 IN RIOT  
AT CLEVELAND

Negroes, Attacked by Strikers,  
Wield Knives with Telling  
Effect; Two May Die

## MOB BOMBARDS STREET CAR

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dorsement of that organization," he said.

William Z. Foster, secretary of the committee, said he had not received the invitation of the senate investigating committee to come to Washington and testify in regard to his alleged "radical activities."

"If I receive the invitation, I will gladly appear before the committee," Mr. Foster said. "It is an opportunity that I desire."

## Discuss Bethlehem Strike

The committee, according to Mr. Foster, discussed at length the situation in regard to the calling of a strike in the plants of the Bethlehem Steel company. He said the committee had sent an ultimatum to E. R. Grace, president of the Bethlehem Steel company, demanding a conference by four o'clock tomorrow.

Mr. Foster said a strike probably would be called in the Bethlehem plants immediately if the union's request was not granted.

## To Fight Through Courts

The fight to uphold the constitutional rights of the steel workers will be carried to the highest courts, Mr. Fitzpatrick said.

"Every constitutional right of the workers has been denied in the Pittsburgh district," Mr. Fitzpatrick said. "We are going to carry the fight to the highest courts. We want justice. The workers demand the protection of the law and are determined to be law-abiding and keep within the law."

Mr. Fitzpatrick said that he would leave Pittsburgh tonight for Washington, where he would appear before the senate strike investigating committee. "I have wired the committee that I will cheerfully and voluntarily appear before them and give them any information they wish," he said.

## Scores of Arrests Made

Scores of arrests were made in the vicinity of the steel mills in the Pittsburgh district today for alleged violations of city ordinances.

Twenty foreigners were arrested charged with interfering with men on their way to work in the south side plants. Fines totaling almost \$200 were imposed on the men by the magistrate.

Eight men were arrested in Duquesne charged with refusing to obey the policemen's orders to "keep moving." Seven foreigners were arrested in Homestead on a similar charge.

One man was arrested here on a charge of passing circulars to strikers, urging them to remain away from the mills. He was fined \$50 with the option of passing 30 days in jail.

## Issue Conflicting Statements

The strike situation in the Pittsburgh district remains practically unchanged, with employers and union leaders issuing conflicting statements as to the number of men involved in the walkout. The union men declare that thousands of workmen are joining the ranks of the strikers daily, and that scores of mills have been crippled.

Employers say they are pleased with present conditions, which, it is announced by a representative of the Carnegie Steel company, are "improving and encouraging." Despite the conflicting statements from the contending parties, it is known that many mills in the district are shut down entirely, some are working with a short force, while others are operating at almost 100 per cent.

"We feel very much encouraged," was the word that came from the Carnegie Steel company offices a few hours after the day shift went to work in the plants of that company, which are in operation. At Clairton more departments were placed in operation today because of the reporting of additional men.

At Braddock it was said more foreign born workers reported today. Duquesne, which all along has been reported as working 100 per cent by the company, was said to be still operating on the same basis.

## City Mills "Look Good"

The city mills of the Carnegie company, it was given out, "look good."

According to officials of the West Penn Steel company, up the Allegheny valley, more than 90 per



P.C.  
GRAND QUARTIER GÉNÉRAL

DES

Armées Françaises de l'Est

ÉTAT-MAJOR

BUREAU DU PERSONNEL

(Décorations)

ORDRE N° 17. III " D " (EXTRAIT)

Après approbation du Général Commandant en Chef les Forces expéditionnaires Américaines en France, le Maréchal de France, Commandant en Chef les Armées Françaises de l'Est cite à l'Ordre d u R E G I M E N T :

Mrs Jane DWIGHT, Y.M.C.A.

"Avec le Y.M.C.A. depuis Janvier 1918 a été envoyée à  
"NEUFCHATEAU jusqu'en juin 1918, a servi ensuite une cantine  
"à MESNIL-la-TOUR et CORNIEVILLE avec la 82° D.I.U.S. durant  
"Juin et Juillet comme Chef du Personnel de l'Y.M.C.A. dans  
"cette région pendant l'offensive de SAINT-MIHIEL. S'est dis-  
"tinguée sous les bombardements, travaillant et visitant son  
"personnel dans tous les postes."

Au Grand Quartier Général, le

6 MAI 1919

LE MARÉCHAL DE FRANCE,  
COMMANDANT EN CHEF LES ARMÉES FRANÇAISES DE L'EST,

POUR EXTRAIT CONFORME :

Le Lieutenant-Colonel,  
Chef du Bureau du Personnel,

P E T A I N .

*E. Amy*



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*Counsellors at Law,*  
*2 Rector Street.*

FREDERIC R. COUDERT.  
LORENZO SEMPLE.  
JOHN P. MURRAY.  
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HOWARD THAYER KINGSBURY.  
JAMES BARCLAY.  
JAMES E. HOPKINS.  
CHARLES A. CONLON.

Paris, 39 Boulevard Haussmann.

*New York,* July 6, 1921.

Arthur S. Dwight, Esq.,  
29 Broadway,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

In Mr. Coudert's absence in Europe I enclose copy  
of letter received from the British Embassy at Washington,  
dated June 28th, regarding Mrs. Dwight's decoration, and  
in reference to which you wrote Mr. Coudert under date of  
April 4, 1921.

Very truly yours,

*F. R. Coudert*

Secretary to F. R. Coudert.

*Ans -  
Apr 15/21*

Enclosure.

C O P Y

British Embassy  
Washington

June 28, 1921.

Dear Mr. Coudert:

Mr. Broderick has asked me to write to you privately about the decorations which Mrs. Dwight was to have received from the British Government.

The reason as to why the decorations <sup>originally</sup> /promised were not conferred were contained in the Ambassador's letter to Mrs. Dwight of July 20th, 1920.

There appears no reason at all why the matter should not be taken up with the State Department by the people concerned, so this is probably the best course.

The correspondence is returned herewith.

B elieve me,

Sincerely yours,

F. R. Coudert, Esq.,  
Messrs. Coudert Brothers,  
Counsellors at Law,  
2 Rector Street, New York.



April 4, 1921.

Mr. Frederick R. Coudert,  
2 Rector Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Coudert;

Referring to our recent conversation about the Decoration which Mrs. Dwight was to have received from the British Government, and concerning which you kindly offered to speak to the British Ambassador, I beg to attach hereto copies of various papers that seem pertinent to the question, as follows:

1. Copy of certificate with citation from Headquarters A.E.F. in France authorizing Jane R. Dwight to wear the medal of the Order of the British Empire.
2. Copy of letter from the British Ambassador to the United States, to Mrs. Dwight, explaining why the original intention to confer the decoration could not be carried out.
3. Copy of citation by Marshall Petain conferring the Croix de Guerre.
4. Copy of certificate authorizing the wearing of the French War Service Medal.

It is readily appreciated that there might have been perfectly good and sufficient reasons why His Majesty's Government should change its mind about such a matter as the award of decorations to foreign subjects, and if that is the explanation of the action in this case I am most ready to acquiesce. The tone of the letter from the British Ambassador is so cordial and the regret expressed is so evidently sincere, that I am emboldened to pursue the matters to the point of asking if it would be embarrassing in any way to him if I were to take



up the question with our own officials, for I feel that the ruling by our State Department to which he refers constitutes a serious discrimination against the American citizens concerned. It is well known that the original restriction imposed by the U. S. Constitution against the acceptance of foreign Decorations by U. S. officials was modified by special Act of Congress during the war-, and hundreds of British and French Decorations were awarded to American officers and men, were authorized by the American Authorities, and were conferred under U. S. Army supervision. In my own case, I was decorated with the British D.S.O., by General Sir D. Henderson at American Headquarters, Tours, France, April 29, 1919, in full military ceremonial. I have a citation and certificate from the GHQ., A.E.F. authorizing me to wear the decoration practically similar to the one (Item 1 above) which Mrs. Dwight received, and subsequently I received the Royal Warrant. I know of many others similarly honored. I, therefore, have perfectly good reason for thinking that the ruling issued by the State Department must have been given under some misapprehension, or by some person not familiar with the facts.

Another point to be mentioned is that Mrs. Dwight was classed as a civilian worker and not as an official. She was in the Y. M. C. A. service at the American Front as Regional Directress in charge of the Women Workers in that Sector, but the Y. M. C. A. people were not considered as enlisted or commissioned, and they had no military status, though they were under military control and orders.

I particularly desire that it be understood that Mrs. Dwight makes no claim for recognition or reward. The whole episode was a great surprise to her, and the proposed decoration entirely unexpected. She never was connected with the British Expeditionary Force, her sole



Mr. Frederick R. Coudert.

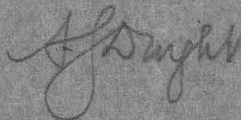
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contact with British interests having been, when at Nancy, France, the day after the declaring of the Armistice she was the means of successfully meeting the emergency caused by the unexpected arrival of crowds of sick and starving British prisoners of war who drifted across the border, having been turned loose by the Germans without food. Neither the American Red Cross nor the local British representatives were equipped to handle the situation and could do nothing for some 48 hours. Mrs. Dwight was able to immediately organize a relief unit from the Y. M. C. A. Canteen Workers and equipment in her Region, and a thousand or two of the wretched and even dying men were cared for until permanent relief arrived. Some of those who assisted in this work were included in the list of decorations recommended, so it is assumed that this incident may have been the basis for the proposed award.

I repeat that I am most anxious not to press the matter, if in doing so any embarrassment would be caused to our good friends, the British, but as it seems to me that some sort of misunderstanding is apparent, I should like, if it can be done with entire propriety, to follow up the matter in Washington and enquire into the reason for such an inconsistent and unjust ruling by our own American authorities.

Thanking you sincerely for your good offices in this matter, and with kind personal regards,

Faithfully yours,



ASD:M

Return in 5 days to

NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL

OF THE YOUNG MEN'S **YMCA** CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

347 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y.



Miss Jane R. Dwight,  
Great Neck,  
Long Island, New York.

*Keep  
Citizens*



WAR DEPARTMENT  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

IN REPLY .095-Dwight, Miss Jane R.,  
REFER TO (Misc Div) WSB:EMM:LK  
B&M Sect., 7th & B Sts.

September 20, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.  
To: Secretary, General Headquarters Y.M.C.A.,  
Washington, D. C.  
Subject: British citation.

1. There is inclosed herewith a foreign decoration authorization certificate, awarded to Miss Jane R. Dwight, American Y.M.C.A., authorizing her to wear the Medal of the British Empire Order, and which is sent to you for delivery to her.

2. It is requested that Miss Dwight furnish this office with a receipt for this citation, using inclosed blank.

By order of the Secretary of War:

*Wm. S. Fiedler*  
Adjutant General.

2/Incl.

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SOCIÉTÉ FRANÇAISE  
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(CROIX ROUGE FRANÇAISE)

Délégation Près le Gouvernement Militaire de Paris

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C E R T I F I C A T

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Le soussigné, Délégué régional près le G. M. P. certifie,  
après examen des pièces justificatives qui lui ont été présentées, que  
Mrs. Dwight,  
a servi comme Infirmière Distributrice dans une formation sanitaire de  
la Société Française de Secours aux Blessés Militaires entre le 2 août  
1914 et le 11 novembre 1918, ce qui lui ouvre le droit au port de la  
"Médaille Commémorative Française de la Grande Guerre" instituée <sup>par</sup> la  
loi du 23 Juin 1920.

A Paris, le 30 Septembre 1920.

Signature du Titulaire:

Le Délégué régional:

(sig) G. Boutiran.

(Scellé)

Société Française de Secours  
aux Blessés Militaires  
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Adjutant General.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

U. S. J. 31.

(Name)

(Rank)

(Organization)

The award of the \_\_\_\_\_  
by the \_\_\_\_\_ Government to you having been approved  
by the Commander in Chief, you are authorized to accept and to wear such  
decoration.

The award was made for the following services rendered:

CITATION

On \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL PERSHING:



JAMES G. HARBORD,  
Chief of Staff.

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Feb 23--1929

Mrs Alfred C Foster,

Womens Division,

War Personnel Board, Y.M.C.A.

My dear Mrs Foster;

I am in receipt of your letter of Feb 19th in regard to the decoration of the Order of the British Empire and beg to thank you for your trouble in finding and sending the official papers to me. I shall send the receipt enclosed to the Adjutant General's office as directed.

I am very sensible of the honor done to me by the Y.M.C.A. in thus extending to me the honor paid to them by the British Government. I am glad and proud to have the decoration in their behalf.

Again thanking you for your courtesy, I am

Yours very truly

Mrs A.S.Dwight.

Great Neck, L.I.

*James R. Dwight*



NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL  
OF THE  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES



HEADQUARTERS: 347 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

Feb. 19, 1920.

Mrs. Jane R. Dwight,  
Great Neck,  
Long Island.

My dear Mrs. Dwight:-

I am sending you herewith various blanks in connection with the approval of the award to you of the Medal of the British Empire Order. The Y.M.C.A. has done everything possible and the matter now rests with the War Departments, both British and American to get the decorations through. We are sending you the following information which has been gathered in the hope that it may prove of some value to you.

"With reference to British Medals awarded to Y.M.C.A. women workers overseas, correspondence and personal interviews at the office of Adjutant General at headquarters of General Pershing at Washington, resulted in the discovery that these medals had never been forwarded from the British War Office to the United States War Department directly, nor had they been sent to the individuals decorated. The reason given for the delay in receiving the medals was that the American Expeditionary Forces and General Pershing's headquarters were returned to American earlier than was anticipated by the British War Department. As a consequence the various British decorations had not been, until early in the New Year, received at Washington.

"The official citations from the British War Office, only, are in the possession of the Adjutant General and General Pershing's office. The U.S. War Department has issued the official paper permitting the Americans to wear this decoration. At the present time the order of the British Empire - the official medal - can be purchased through Messrs. Bailey, Banks and Biddle, Philadelphia, official representatives of the British Government in this capacity. This firm has du-



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plicates of all medals for replacement in case the person entitled should lose the original medal. Any person holding the permit of the U.S. War Department to wear the British decoration can purchase one of the medals upon presentation of the certificate through this firm.

"In communicating with one of the Y.M.C.A. representatives the War Department suggested that any Y.M.C.A. representative decorated who desired to obtain this medal, officially awarded by the British Government, can do so by purchasing it through Bailey, Banks and Biddle!"

If any further word comes to us in this matter, we will see that it is forwarded to you promptly.

Very sincerely yours,



Mrs. C. Alfred Foster,  
Women's Division,  
War Personnel Board.

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enc.

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS  
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

DWIGHT, Jane R.

(Name)

Miss

(Rank)

American Y. M. C. A.

(Organization)

The award of the Medal of the British Empire Order.

by the British Government to you having been approved  
by the Commander in Chief, you are authorized to accept and to wear such  
decoration.

The award was made for the following services rendered:

CITATION

In recognition of faithful and meritorious service.

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL PERSHING:

JAMES G. HARBORD,  
Chief of Staff.







This passport expires Dec 25 1917,  
unless previously renewed. It must  
be surrendered to a customs officer  
upon the return of the holder to the  
United States.

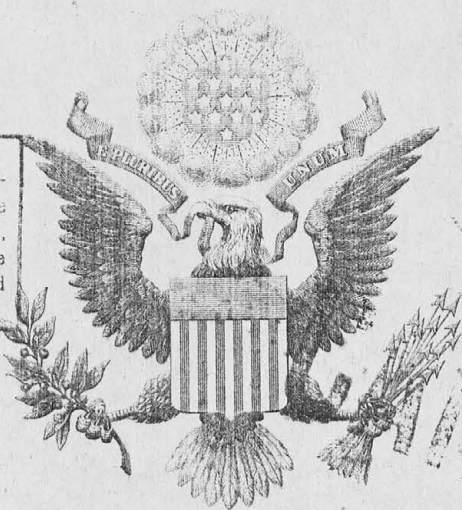
Good only for six months from date,  
unless renewed by a diplomatic or  
consular officer.

The person to whom this passport is issued  
has declared under oath that he desires it for  
use in visiting the countries hereinafter named,  
for the following objects:

<u>British Isles</u>	<u>Commercial business</u>
<small>(name of country)</small>	<small>(object of visit)</small>
<u>France</u>	<u>"</u>
<small>(name of country)</small>	<small>(object of visit)</small>
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<small>(name of country)</small>	<small>(object of visit)</small>

This passport is not valid for use in other countries  
except for necessary transit to or from the countries  
named, unless amended by an American  
diplomatic or principal consular officer.

It is to certify that the  
photograph bears the sig-  
and is a likeness of, the  
to whom this passport is issued,  
in witness whereof the seal of the  
Department of State is impressed  
upon the photograph.



# United States of America,

## Department of State,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I the undersigned, Secretary of State of the United States of America,  
hereby request all whom it may concern to permit

Jane R. Dwight  
a Citizen of the United States

### Description,

Age 49 Years  
Stature 5 Feet 6 1/4 Inches Eng.  
Forehead Broad  
Eyes blue  
Nose straight  
Mouth medium  
Chin round  
Hair brown-grey  
Complexion fair  
Face oval

and safely  
and freely to pass, and in case of need to give  
her all lawful Aid and Protection.

Given under my hand and the  
Seal of the Department of State,  
at the City of Washington, D  
the 25<sup>th</sup> day of June  
in the year 1917, and of the  
Independence of the United States  
the one hundred and forty first.

Phil Lauswig.

EXTENDED FOR SIX MONTHS FROM DATE OF EXPIRATION.

Vice C. P. Lauswig  
American Consul-General at Paris, France.  
No. 13030 28 November 1917

No. 56794

Signature of the Bearer:

Jane R. Dwight



NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL  
OF THE  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES



HEADQUARTERS: 347 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

PUBLICITY BUREAU September 23rd, 1919.

Miss Jane R. Dwight,  
Great Neck,  
Long Island, N. Y.

My dear Miss Dwight:-

There has just been received from the Adjutant General's office a letter addressed to New York Y.M.C.A. headquarters containing a certificate authorizing you to wear the " Medal of the Order of the British Empire." The citation reads:

" In recognition of favorable and meritorious service. "

The Publicity Department of the YMCA is desirous of learning somewhat more in detail the work you did in order that proper notice of the honor conferred upon you may be given. Will you kindly write us at once regarding the circumstances leading up to the award, the general nature of your work in France, the places you served, and the units to which you were attached?

This office is sending a representative to Washington this week to ascertain whether this and several other decorations have arrived, and when they will be presented. If there are any further developments of interest to you you will be notified.

Accept our heartiest congratulations.

Very Sincerely,

W. H. Ramsay.

PUBLICITY BUREAU

NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL  
OF THE  
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS OF THE UNITED STATES



347 MADISON AVENUE  
NEW YORK

October 26, 1920

Mrs. A. S. Dwight,  
Great Neck, Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Dwight:-

I am enclosing you a billet doux from the British Embassy. I think it is self-explanatory. It is dated July 20, you see, but has only just now come to us, - come about fifty years too soon, at that. Of course I am just hoping that something may soften the heart of the cow, but in the meantime I ought to keep nothing from you that is yours.

You will come into the Y to see me some time, just the same, won't you?

Sincerely,

*Erline W. Brainerd*

DEMobilized PERSONNEL BUREAU  
Irving Squire

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BRITISH EMBASSY,

WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 20. 1920.

Madam,

It is with the greatest regret that I refer to a misunderstanding which has occurred over the award of British Decorations to United States citizens.

His Britannic Majesty's Government were most anxious to recognize in some definite and lasting way the very valuable services rendered by certain citizens of the United States during the war, and for that purpose a list of the names of those who had been most helpful and the awards proposed in each case was prepared. Whilst the whole matter was still under consideration, a sectional list containing certain of the names was submitted to the State Department of the United States Government for their approval should a favorable decision upon the project be made. It appears, however, that through some unfortunate misunderstanding in several cases Certificates authorizing the wearing of these decorations were issued by the Adjutant-General of the American Army. This was done although the awards were only proposed and had not actually been made.


Subsequently, owing to the fact that the American Government informed His Majesty's Government that the United States Constitution forbids the acceptance of foreign Decorations by United States officials, His Majesty's Government

regretfully

Miss Jane R. Dwight,  
American Y. M. C. A.  
B. E. F.  
France.

*Recd. October 27, 1920*







regretfully decided that the only possible course was to make no awards of decorations either to official or unofficial citizens of the United States. To grant some decorations and not to grant others, equally or perhaps in some cases more deserved, appeared to His Majesty's Government to be unfair. Their decision was based upon the desire to avoid being unfair to American citizens whose services they greatly valued.

In these circumstances I am instructed by my Government to express their most profound regret that it is not now possible to grant decorations to those whose names were originally submitted for consideration. May I, on behalf of my Government and on my own behalf, say at the same time that the good work done and help given by you have been and still are very warmly appreciated? I desire to thank you most cordially for the valuable services you rendered and to say that it is deeply regretted that circumstances beyond the control of the British Government forbid your being given a more concrete expression of an appreciation which, by your excellent work, you have so justly earned.

Yours very truly,





UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
PASSPORT



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

I the undersigned Secretary of State of the United States of America hereby request all whom it may concern to permit

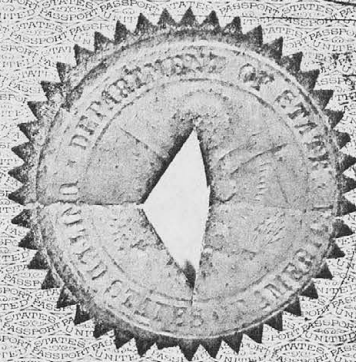
*Jane R. Dwight*  
a citizen of the United States, safely and freely to pass and in case of need to give her all lawful aid and protection.

This passport is valid for use only in the following countries and for objects specified, unless amended.

*France*  
NAME OF COUNTRY

*Commercial Business*  
OBJECT OF VISIT

The bearer is accompanied by



Given under my hand and the seal of the Department of State at the City of Washington the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year 1913 and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and forty third.

*Phil Lausica*

PERSONAL DESCRIPTION

Age 30 years  
Height 5 ft 6 in  
Forehead broad  
Eyes blue  
Hair straight  
Build medium  
Complexion fair  
Face oval

Distinguishing marks  
Place of birth *Joseph Illinois*  
Date of birth *February 13 1868*  
Occupation *Secretary of War*

*Jane R. Dwight*  
SIGNATURE OF BEARER

This is to certify that the person to whom this passport is issued is a citizen of the United States and in witness whereof the Department of State has hereunto set its hand and seal upon the photo.



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## DECORATED

**Wife Who Refused to Let Husband Win All Honors.**

Mrs. Jane Aeed Dwight couldn't let her husband, Maj. Arthur S. Dwight of the 11th engineers, win all the laurels for the family. He had been decorated with the D. S. O. by the British. Mrs. Dwight showed her courage in visiting the posts which the Y. M. C. A. had established for the 82d division in the St. Mihiel offensive, and so she was given the Croix de Guerre. Mrs. Dwight was regional directress of the "Y" at Neufchateau, Cornieville, and St. Mihiel. Mr. and Mrs. Dwight have come to Chicago to attend the meeting of the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical engineers in the Congress hotel. Mr. Dwight is a consulting mining engineer, and now lives in Great Neck, L. I.

## Great Neck Woman Wins French War Cross. Received.

Mrs. A. S. Dwight, of Great Neck, wife of Major Dwight, was one of three returning Y. M. C. A. workers to be decorated with the French War Cross by Capt. Adrien de Pachman, of the French High Commission at the Hotel McAlpin. Mrs. Dwight's citation reads:

Mrs. A. S. Dwight: At Cornieville, with the Eighty-second Division, U. S., during June and July as head of the personnel of the Y. M. C. A. in this region during the St. Mihiel offensive, all this time while stations were under bombardment, she was visiting her personnel at all their posts.

## Broke Wrist Cranking Auto.

Harry Dahl, 19, of Plainfield avenue, Park, while cranking

more positively women

## WOMEN WIN WAR CROSSES.

**Three Y. M. C. A. Workers Are Honored by Marshal Petain.**

Three Y. M. C. A. women war workers just back from France were decorated with the Croix de Guerre by Capt. Coun Adrien de Pachman of the French High Commission in the Y. M. C. A. women's clubroom at the Hotel McAlpin yesterday.

Mrs. A. S. Dwight of Great Neck, L. I. wife of Major A. S. Dwight of the Eleventh Engineers, was in charge of all the women workers in the St. Mihiel and Argonne sectors. She was cited by Marshal Petain for her work with the Eighty-second Division in 1918. During the St. Mihiel offensive she visited all of the Y. M. C. A. personnel at their posts which were under constant bombardment.

The citation for Miss Bernetta Adam Miller of New York, who was with the 325th Infantry, says: "She rendered the greatest services before and during the St. Mihiel offensive, caring for the wounded in the advance field hospital. She was in the Argonne during the last offensive."

Of Mrs. Louise W. Fleming of Dobb Ferry, who was with the Twenty-sixth Division at Chateau Thierry and Verdun, Marshal Petain said: "In France since June, 1918, she has rendered the greatest services under the fire of the enemy, notably in the Verdun sector with the Twenty-sixth United States Division."