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# HERO WITHOUT A GUN

A MAN'S LOVE OF HIS COUNTRY CAN BE EXPRESSED IN MORE THAN ONE WAY. PFC. **DESMOND DOSS**, A CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR, REFUSED TO CARRY A GUN. INSTEAD, HE RISKED HIS LIFE AGAIN AND AGAIN TO SAVE HIS COMRADES.





AS A BOY, DOSS ATTENDED THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH IN LYNCHBURG, VA.



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ONE DAY...

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR MY COUNTRY, BUT I CAN'T KILL.



DOSS GOT A JOB IN A SHIPYARD, BUT WAS SOON DRAFTED. STILL REFUSING TO BEAR ARMS, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE ARMY MEDICAL CORPS AND SENT TO GUAM WITH THE 77TH DIVISION.



ONE DAY...

I WANT TO GO UP FRONT WITH THE REST OF THE MEN, SIR.

ALL RIGHT, DOSS. WE'LL MAKE YOU COMPANY AID MAN.

ON DRAFTED.  
IGNED TO  
UAM WITH

DOSS SERVED ON BOTH GUAM AND LEYTE.

JAP FIRE IS SWEEPING THAT FIELD, BUT DOSS WON'T LEAVE THE WOUNDED.





THEN CAME THE OKINAWA INVASION. DOSS' COMPANY, FORCED BACK FROM A BITTERLY CONTESTED CLIFF, WAS PREPARING A NEW COUNTER-ATTACK.

PRIVATE DOSS IS THE ONLY MEDIC FIT FOR ACTION, BUT THIS IS THE ADVENTIST SABBATH.

I'LL SPEAK TO HIM.



I KNOW THIS IS YOUR DAY OF PRAYER, DOSS, BUT WE NEED YOU.

I'LL GO, CAPTAIN, IF YOU'LL WAIT A LITTLE WHILE UNTIL I READ MY BIBLE.





TEN MINUTES LATER, DOSS JOINED HIS COMPANY AND  
THE ASSAULT BEGAN.





BUT THE AMERICANS WERE ONCE MORE DRIVEN BACK. DOSS WAS AMONG THE MISSING. SUDDENLY...

THERE'S DOSS!  
WHAT'S HE UP TO?

HE'S TRYING  
TO LOWER  
ONE OF THE  
WOUNDED.





IN SPITE OF THE HAIL OF FIRE,  
DOSS STAYED ON THE LEDGE AND  
LOWERED SEVENTY-FIVE MEN TO  
SAFETY.





A FEW DAYS LATER...

THE JAPS IN THAT  
CAVE GOT FOUR  
OF OUR BOYS.

I'LL GET TO  
THEM, SIR.



DOSS RAN TO WITHIN EIGHT YARDS OF THE  
GRENADE-THROWING NIPS, AND...

DON'T WORRY,  
SOLDIER. I'LL  
GET YOU OUT.



MAKING FOUR SEPARATE TRIPS, DOSS  
CARRIED ALL THE MEN TO COVER.




ONCE...

WILL YOU LEAD,  
US IN PRAYER  
BEFORE WE  
ATTACK?

SURE.







BRING THESE  
MEN BACK  
SAFELY...

THE  
SOLDIERS  
WENT  
ON TO  
STORM  
NINE JAP  
PILLBOXES  
WITHOUT  
A SINGLE  
CASUALTY.



AFTER ANOTHER ATTACK...

THE COLONEL IS  
BADLY WOUNDED,  
SIR! HE'S OUT IN  
THE OPEN AHEAD  
OF THE FRONT  
LINE.

THEN IT'S  
IMPOSSIBLE TO  
GET HIM BACK  
SAFELY.





BUT DOSS VOLUNTEERED TO TRY. HE REACHED THE COLONEL, AND...

HE'S SUFFOCATING!  
THIS RUBBER TUBE  
SHOULD HELP HIM  
TO BREATHE.





DOSS STAYED WITH THE OFFICER FOR FORTY-FIVE MINUTES UNTIL HELP CAME.

GOOD WORK,  
DOSS!





THEN, IN  
A NIGHT  
ATTACK ON  
MAY 21,  
WHEN THE  
REST OF  
DOSS'  
COMPANY  
SOUGHT  
COVER,  
DOSS  
STAYED  
BEHIND  
WITH THE  
WOUNDED.  
TOWARD  
MORNING...



THE JAP GRENADE FELL NEARBY! IN AN  
EFFORT TO SAVE HIS BUDDIES, DOSS  
STEPPED ON IT AND WAS WOUNDED.





AFTER FIVE HOURS, THE LITTER BEARERS  
REACHED HIM.

THERE'S A BADLY  
WOUNDED MAN OVER  
THERE. PUT ME DOWN  
AND TAKE CARE  
OF HIM FIRST.





WHILE DOSS AWAITED THEIR RETURN, ANOTHER SHELL FRACTURED HIS ARM.

THIS RIFLE STOCK SHOULD DO FOR A SPLINT.



DISPLAYING MAGNIFICENT FORTITUDE, DOSS THEN CRAWLED THREE HUNDRED YARDS TO AN AID STATION.



WHILE ON FURLOUGH IN THE STATES...

WAR IS EVIL, WE  
MUST WORK HARD  
FOR A PERMANENT  
PEACE.



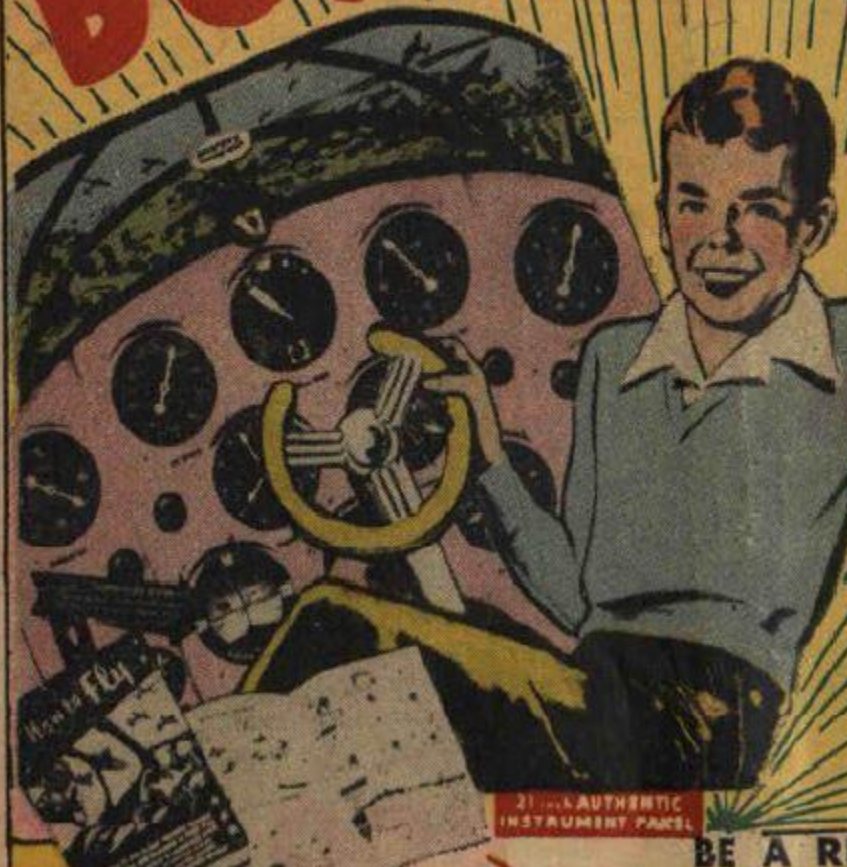


DOSS' OUTSTANDING GALLANTRY AT THE RISK OF HIS OWN LIFE WON FOR HIM THE DEEPEST RESPECT AND GRATITUDE OF HIS FELLOW SOLDIERS AND THE NATION'S HIGHEST MILITARY DECORATION - THE CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR. ON OCTOBER 12, 1945, ON THE LAWN OF THE WHITE HOUSE...



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and BOMBS**

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