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Maybe **Edward A. Allworth** wanted to preserve his father's legacy that included a Medal of Honor for future generations when he decided to send his dad's military items to the U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center. He wanted to preserve the history and he had no one else to pass it on to, said **Mike Mira**, U.S. Army Heritage and Education Center registrar. "This collection helps us tell the story of recipients from that time period and it's pretty rare to get that type of thing," he said.



Army Capt. Edward C. Allworth poses for a picture in his uniform. Allworth earned the Medal of Honor for his actions at Clery-le-Petit, France during World War I. On November 6, Allworth's son donated this prestigious award and seven other medals to the Army Heritage and Education Center in Carlisle, Pa.

On November 6th, The Army Heritage and Education Center received a package from Edward A. Allworth. The package contained eight medals and a note from Allworth: "In this transmission to you, I send, for the Center and its Museum, the following eight decorations awarded around the end of World War I to **Edward Christopher Allworth** in honor of his actions in France and Germany during that conflict."

The WWI Medal of Honor is a significant artifact as there were only 90 awarded to the Army out of a 119 total to all US Forces, said **Jack Leighow**, Army Heritage Museum Director. It was an unexpected donation and we will be able to rotate it into the exhibit after a conservation review and cataloging into the Army Historical Collection

Accountability System, he said.

AHEC is an Army War College facility with historical resources for Soldiers, researchers and museum visitors and is dedicated to education about the legacy of the men and women who have served their nation as Soldiers and the preservation of their stories. To support this, it accepts donations of historical materials, including letters, equipment and personal stories to fill collection gaps or improve holdings with items of exceptional U.S. Army and/or Soldier story value.

Army Capt. Edward C. Allworth's medals: Medal of Honor; Purple Heart; World War I Victory Medal with St. Mihiel, Meuse Argonne and Defensive Sector clasps; Army of Occupation of Germany; French Medal of Honor; French



Croix de Guerre with 2 palms; Italian Royal Order of Military Merit; Levi Washington State diamond Medal.

For more Soldier stories like Allworth's or how to contribute your story or memorabilia, visit the Army Heritage and Education Center's website at:

<http://www.carlisle.army.mil/AHEC/index.cfm>.

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Levi Washington State diamond Medal

Edward C. Allworth's Medal of Honor Citation:

While his company was crossing the Meuse River and canal at a bridgehead opposite Clery-le-Petit, the bridge over the canal was destroyed by shell fire and Capt. Allworth's command became separated, part of it being on the east bank of the canal and the remainder on the west bank. Seeing his advance units making slow headway up the steep slope ahead, this officer mounted the canal bank and called for his men to follow. Plunging in he swam across the canal under fire from the enemy, followed by his men. Inspiring his men by his example of gallantry, he led them up the slope, joining his hard-pressed platoons in front. By his personal leadership he forced the enemy back for more than a kilometer, overcoming machinegun nests and capturing 100 prisoners, whose number exceeded that of the men in his command. The exceptional courage and leadership displayed by Capt. Allworth made possible the re-establishment of a bridgehead over the canal and the successful advance of other troops.