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2 LT Snowden Haywood
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Distinguished Service Cross



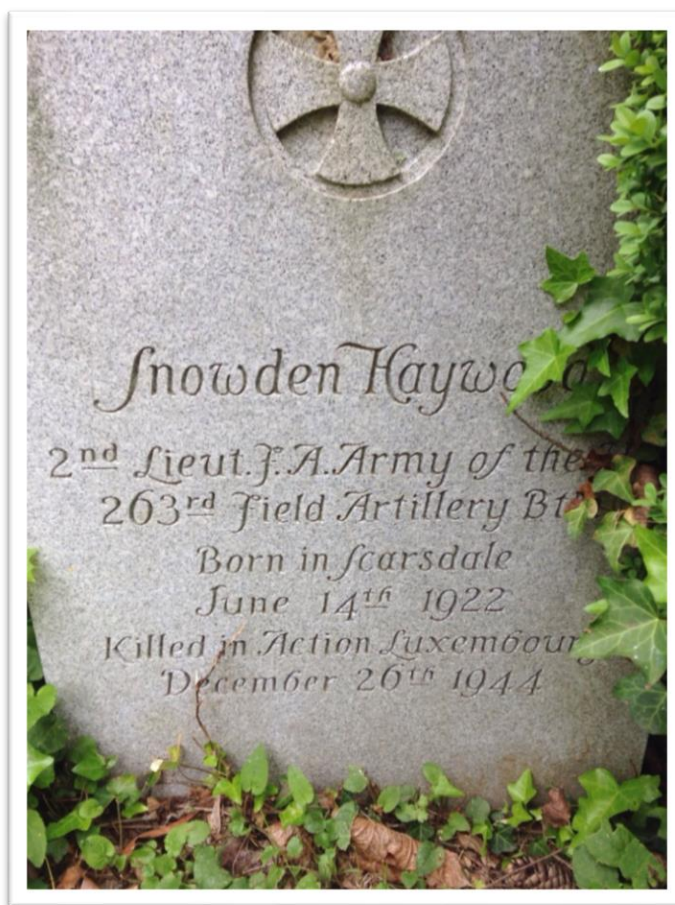
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The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Haywood Snowden (ASN: 0-535605), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 263rd Field Artillery Battalion, 26th Infantry Division against enemy forces on 26 December 1944, over Bonnal, Luxembourg. Lieutenant Haywood, as an aerial artillery observer, was returning from an assigned mission of observing and directing artillery fire on hostile positions. Suddenly his liaison plane became involved in a fierce dog fight between friendly and enemy aircraft. Attempting to drop to a lower air level, Lieutenant Haywood and his pilot approached the path of an onrushing German Me-109 which had obtained a firing position on the tail of a friendly fighter plane. Without hesitation and with complete disregard for personal safety, they deliberately crashed their light plan into the enemy fire, causing both aircraft to disintegrate in mid-air. Second Lieutenant Haywood's intrepid actions, personal bravery and zealous devotion to duty at the cost of his life, exemplify the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, the 26th Infantry Division, and the United States Army.

General Orders: Headquarters, U.S. Forces in Austria. General Orders No. 59 (1945)





Buried in Saint James the Less Cemetery, Scarsdale, New York