

First Lieutenant Ted Elvan Lines (Class 26-42)

Distinguished Service Cross

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SYNOPSIS: The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to First Lieutenant (Air Corps) Ted Elvan Lines (ASN: 0-1168336), United States Army Air Forces, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving as Pilot of a P-51 Fighter Airplane in the 335th Fighter Squadron, 4th Fighter Group, EIGHTH Air Force, in aerial combat against enemy forces on 10 September 1944, in the European Theater of Operations.

On that date, First Lieutenant Lines shot down four enemy aircraft in a single mission. First Lieutenant Lines' unquestionable valor in aerial combat is in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflects great credit upon himself, the 8th Air Force, and the United States Army Air Forces.

Ted Lines became a U.S. Army Air Forces ACE, credited with shooting down 10 enemy aircraft in aerial combat, including four victories in a single day.

Note: Lines entered service in the Arizona National Guard in 1940 and served in Panama, rising to the rank of Sergeant. He graduated from the Field Artillery Officer Candidate School on August 18, 1942 and spent several months at Camp Hood, Texas. He transferred to the Army Air Forces in 1943 and earned his wings at Randolph Field Texas in October 1943.