

## HIGH HONORS FOR BRAVERY RECEIVED BY PINE COUNTY MEN

Sergeant Hannes Rypkema, the son of Reed Rypkema was living in Sandstone at the time he left to serve in World War I. After the war he moved to Pine City and later became Sheriff of Pine County during prohibition days.

The War Department awarded him the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism and gallantry in action and the Twin Cities papers carried the following account:

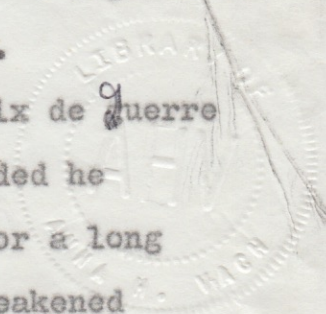
"Sergeant Hannes Rypkema, Co. A., 320th Machine Gun Battalion, for extraordinary heroism in action near St. Jivin, France, Oct. 14, 1918. He went in advance of his section and unassisted captured and sent to the rear, 13 German prisoners. With the aid of two infantry men, he later captured 28 more prisoners under heavy machine gun fire.

When his platoon commander had been killed and more than three-fourths of his platoon had become casualties, he reorganized the remainder of the platoon and continued the attack.

George W. Carlson, Rock Creek was awarded a Croix de Guerre (cross for bravery). Although Carlson was badly wounded he carried his supply pack and four boxes of ammunition for a long distance and when he had lost blood until he was so weakened he could go no further, he crawled into a shell hole and lay until he was given aid by comrades. Then he crept on from one shell hole to another, each move drawing fire from the enemy.

After being picked up in the morning and taken to the field hospital he refused to be cared for until those around him were relieved of their pain.

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Jess M. Ingram , son of Mr. and Mrs. O.H. Ingram, of the Hotel Agnes, Pine City bears the unique distinction of being the only Pine county man who enlisted in the ranks and rose to the position of lieutenant.

John Woodhead of Pine City won the Croix de Guerre for bravery during his service in France but the 1919 newspaper was unable to give any particulars of the award.

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