



Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. brought Harlem to Congress. Minister, politician and public figure, Powell forced the city, state and federal governments to make room for African Americans and their representatives.

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Based on the Hollywood Movie, "Glory"

The Massachusetts 54th Colored Infantry was the first all-black Northern regiment to fight in the Civil War. Details of their bravery were chronicled in the Hollywood film, "Glory".

Sergeant William Carney was cited for military valor in an act that defied all odds. In the Battle of Fort Wagner in South Carolina, the 54th and 55th black regiments saw their commander Robert G. Shaw shot down on July 18, 1863. The 54th led the assault on the Confederate on the Confederate Fort that protected the approach to the South Carolina Charleston Harbor that day.

As the fierce battle dragged on, over 1,500 black troops would lose their lives.

While running, Carney noticed that a shell had hit the soldier who was carrying the Northern flag. He grabbed it and held it up, leading the final charge on the fort. Although he had been shot, Sergeant Carney refused to go down. When he got shot a second time, he was now severely injured and knew he was going to fall. He handed off the flag, saying, "Boys, it never touched the ground."



Sergeant William Carney was one of the first African Americans to receive a presidential Medal of Honor for his bravery in leading an all-black Northern regiment in the Civil War. The movie "Glory" is historically based on this colored infantry from Massachusetts.

In 1900, thirty-seven years after the battle, Carney was issued the Congressional medal of Honor, becoming the first African American ever to receive the much-coveted award. Congress established the Medal of Honor in 1862. It was to be awarded for "gallantry at the risk of life above the call of duty."

Out of the one hundred and eighty thousand black soldiers who fought for the Union Army in the Civil War, sixteen were awarded the Medal of Honor.

WWII Soldier Outfoxes Enemy With Self-Sacrificing Artillery Attack

As the tide of World War II began to turn in America's favor, a lone African American Lieutenant helped finish the job in the vicinity of Sommocolonia, Italy. John Fox of Cannon Company, 366th Regiment, 92 Infantry Division, not only gave the ultimate sacrifice, he did it on purpose, ordering himself to be blown up on the day after Christmas in 1944.

With prior experience as a forward observer, he remained on the 2nd floor of a house while U.S. troops were forced to withdraw from a powerful German force. At 8 a.m. on Dec. 26, Fox began directing artillery fire. Carefully peering out the window, he noticed that a lot of German soldiers had entered the town on Christmas and Christmas Eve in civilian clothes. It was clear now that the town was overrun with German soldiers. Continually warned of how close to his own position he was ordering artillery fire, he gave one more order that would take his own life.

As soldiers on the other end of the big guns



Lieutenant John R. Fox helped turn the tide of World War II by forcing German soldiers to withdraw. He died as a sacrifice after successfully defeating the enemy at their own game.

begged Fox not to do it, he told them that it was the only way to defeat the Germans. He ordered them to fire on his position, knowing his life would be a small price to pay for the freedom of all Americans.

A short time later when a counterattack by the American forces retook the town, Lt. John R. Fox's body was discovered in the middle of over one hundred German soldiers. The defeat was a humiliating one to the Germans who thought for sure that they would be victorious.

John Fox's bravery and willingness to pay the ultimate price was the one thing the Germans did not count on. Because of this sacrifice and by others,

American troops would finally defeat the enemy and restore freedom to scores of millions throughout the world.

Thirty-eight years later, Fox was approved for the Distinguished Service Cross, outranked only by the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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