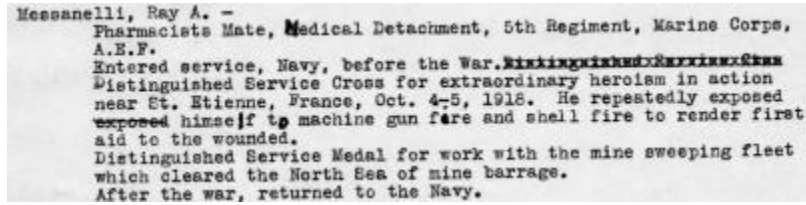


Ray A. Messanelli Service Record



Messanelli, Ray A. -
Pharmacists Mate, Medical Detachment, 5th Regiment, Marine Corps,
A.E.F.
Entered service, Navy, before the War. ~~Distinguished Service Cross~~
Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in action
near Et. Etienne, France, Oct. 4-5, 1918. He repeatedly exposed
~~exposed himself to~~ machine gun fire and shell fire to render first
aid to the wounded.
Distinguished Service Medal for work with the mine sweeping fleet
which cleared the North Sea of mine barrage.
After the war, returned to the Navy.

Ray A. Messanelli's service record states that he was a member of the Navy who joined the armed forces before the start of the war. He was decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross. This medal is awarded for acts of heroism beyond what is required for the Silver Star medal, but which do not quite qualify for a Congressional Medal of Honor.;The Distinguished Service Cross is the second highest medal that an American soldier can be awarded during a time of war.

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