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African Americans In Times of War

Not only did African Americans gave us freedom, but they also joined the military and fought against the Axis during World War II. Some have been given the Medal of Honor for their great efforts to win the war. These African Americans who have served the military were very brave men. Their sacrifices, achievements, and the crises they've been through will be remembered and show that the power of determination can achieve anything in life.

Charles L. Thomas, an African soldier, was a very heroic man who was determined to keep himself and his troops alive on December 14, 1944 near Climbach, France. When Captain Charles L. Thomas was with his troops In the daring mission, his armored scout car was subjected to intense enemy artillery. He then was wounded by the Initial burst of hostile fire. Instead of giving up, he ordered the remainder of his column to halt and then get out of the car, so that they could be freed from the enemies. After that, he got multiple gunshot wounds in his chest, legs, and left arm from enemy fire in the platoon. This caused him to signal the platoon commander to join him, since he could no longer remain in command of the platoon.

What Charles L. Thomas did was very brave and courageous because when he was wounded from gunshots, he was still willing to keep his troops alive and capture the village of Climbach, France. This extraordinary performance Charles L. Thomas did was very risky. This had a great impact on Charles L. Thomas and his fellow troops. He was lucky to get out of the situation and was wise to do what he did. This African American soldier who was serving for the U.S made the right decisions during the life-threatening event that occurred. Even though it was a complicated and rough battle, he still had the determination and the fiery to capture the village in the best way he can.

On March 8, 1943, Private George Watson was on board a ship and it got attacked by enemy bombers. When the ship was abandoned, Private George Watson helped the soldiers, who were both in the water, to reach safety of the raft. Unfortunately, Private George Watson was dragged down by the suction of the sinking ship and drowned. This daring self-sacrifice devotion saved lives. Instead of saving his own life from drowning, Private George Watson assisted the soldiers to be where they will be kept alive. Private George Watson showed that saving many lives is greater than saving just one.

Private George Watson was an extremely kind man during that deadly event. Those people were going to die and lose their life, but that didn't happen with the thanks of Private George Watson. This African American who served his country had the heart and saved the man who were about to be dead. Private George Watson showed us to never judge someone by their identity because someday they might do something good and beneficial for others.

The two African Americans, Charles L. Thomas and Private George Watson, who both joined the military showed their dedication and bravery to rescue somebody else life. They both didn't care for themselves and didn't leave their soldiers behind, instead they sacrificed their own lives to save other lives. Even though in the past the African Americans were being treated poorly, they still love and protect their countries from harm's way.