

This picture is a composite between two incomplete photos found at two different locations.

WWI-036



Returning soldier of the 369th who lost his leg in France, being welcomed on his return home to New York.

The loop of cord on his left shoulder is the decoration that every member of this regiment is entitled to wear. It signifies that entire regiment has been awarded the Cordon of the Croix de Guerre by the French.



Bois de Consenvoye, France, November 8, 1918. Americans burying their dead.

WWI-023 Below: Date is May, 1918. We have a few others from that early part of 1918. This was the period BEFORE involvement in the Champagne-Marne and the Aisne-Marne battles ... a period and a location euphemistically described as "Defensive Sectors."



American soldier dies during a German gas attack. Picture made in May, 1918.



Dead Americans of the 38th Infantry. Picture made at Mezy, on July 21, 1918.



The remains of German soldiers at Verdun. WWI-130

The face of death, a reality of war for both soldiers and civilians caught in the midst of hostilities. It's impossible to show with pictures the damaged lives of countless thousands of those injured and stressed beyond endurance. Even so, within twenty years of the end of The Great War another great war started, the Second World War.



*In memory of Oscar Burton Thomas
February 13, 1892 - February 13, 1947*