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**2 LT Cecil H. Eller
Class 82-43**

ID: 0-531689

**Branch of Service: U.S. Army
Hometown: Blount County, AL
Status: KIA 26 Nov 1944**



DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS



Distinguished Service Cross 2LT Cecil H. Eller Class 82-43

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pride in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross (Posthumously) to Second Lieutenant (Field Artillery) Cecil H. Eller (ASN: 0-531689), United States Army, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations against an armed enemy while serving with the 423d Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 10th Armored Division, in action against enemy forces on 26 November 1944. On that date, Lieutenant Eller served as an Artillery Observer with the 1st Battalion, 358th Infantry, during action against Oberleuken, Germany. When assault infantry elements were pinned down by a heavy enemy mortar fire, this courageous officer, completely disregarding his own safety, advanced to an exposed position and remained there adjusting artillery fire until he was killed. The conspicuous heroism Lieutenant Eller displayed and his determined and supreme devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military forces of the United States and reflect great credit upon himself, the 10th Armored Division, and the United States Army.

General Orders: Headquarters, Third U.S. Army, General Orders No. 46 (February 25, 1945)

Buried in Hayden Cemetery, Hayden, Alabama