

Distinguished Service Cross

AWARDED FOR ACTIONS DURING World War I

Service: Army Air Service

Battalion: 147th Aero Squadron

Division: American Expeditionary Forces

GENERAL ORDERS:

War Department, General Orders No. 145 (1918)

CITATION:

The President of the United States of America, authorized by Act of Congress, July 9, 1918, takes pleasure in presenting a Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster in lieu of a Second Award of the Distinguished Service Cross to Second Lieutenant (Air Service) Charles Pullman Porter, United States Army Air Service, for extraordinary heroism in action while serving with 147th Aero Squadron, 1st Pursuit Group, U.S. Army Air Service, A.E.F., in the region of Foret-de-Fere, France, 24 July 1918. While leading a patrol he attacked an enemy formation of 12 planes (Fokker type). He engaged one enemy and sent it down out of control. One of his guns jammed and while he was repairing the gun two of the enemy planes got behind him. Unable to repair the gun and only to fire a single shot, he turned to attack, destroying a second plane, and remained in the fight until the enemy retired.