

# Y. M. C. A. MAN IS DECORATED

**With Melrose Worker  
Brave Under Shell Fire**

NEW YORK, June 27.—For heroism in assisting French troops and rescuing

refugees while under heavy shell fire, Edwin W. Ely of this city, a Y. M. C. A. worker, has been decorated unofficially with the French War Cross. A cablegram received at association headquarters here tonight said that a French captain, removing the Croix de Guerre from his own uniform, pinned it upon Ely's coat by order of the commanding general.

Ely and Caleb W. Lawrence of Melrose, Mass., stuck to their posts during one of the attacks of the recent German offensive until the French troops they were serving retired. On their way back from the front the two secretaries, driving trucks filled with refugees, were followed by German airplanes, which

sprayed the road with machine gun bullets.