





*Victory parade of the 369th Regiment, 1919*

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The 369th Infantry Regiment, also known as the Harlem Hellfighters, was under attack in France for 191 days during World War I and never retreated. For their heroism, 150 of the regiment's men received the Croix de Guerre from the French government. On February 17, 1919, cheered by a crowd of one million onlookers, the returning soldiers marched up Fifth Avenue from Union Square, proceeding through Harlem along Lenox Avenue to 145th Street.