

# MISSOURI STATE SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

*Proudly Honors*

**IRA VICTOR PINNICK**  
UNITED STATES ARMY  
PRIVATE (E-1)  
1917

**WOUNDED IN ACTION**

*as*

**PURPLE HEART PATRIOT**

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*Marlene and Anthony Ralston, Honoring His Service and Sacrifice*

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Ira Victor Pinnick served in Co. H, 35th Division, 137th Infantry. During the first day of the fierce Argonne offensive, as his group cleaned out several entrenched German machine gunners, he was wounded severely. The stretcher bearers were far behind, and in a pitched battle, his wound usually meant death..

However, his friend, George Daughtery, saw him fall and went for help. An officer caught George and ordered him somewhere else before he found assistance. Ira was practically covered by dirt and debris in minutes, but Bill Weaver heard about him and hurried up. Constructing a stretcher of wire and 2x4s, his friends managed to carry him out of the worst, then had to leave him.

Ira lay there suffering, but realized he had to get himself to help. Despite the intense pain, he struggled to his feet finally and headed for the first aid station.

Shells flew all around him, but he forced himself to move forward. He discovered that the station had moved backward, so he moved after it. When he arrived at the spot, the unit had again moved.

Desperately weak, he knew he must find it or become a German prisoner. It was just moving again when he found it, and he pushed himself into an ambulance. He had two surgeries and spent many months in the hospital before he recovered.

