

# *The Liberation of St. Jacques*

**Barthell, KY.**

July 5, 2008

WWII Living History Show and Battle

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This is a first-ever, public living history and battle event honoring the service of Pvt. Wilburn K. Ross and the thousands of other men and women who served in WW2. Wilburn K. Ross, Medal of Honor recipient whose selfless actions under fire near St. Jacques France saved the remnants of his company and inspired his fellow comrades to fight on. (See "Who is Wilburn K. Ross" at the bottom of page) will be honored on Saturday (pending his confirmation of attendance).

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## Accommodations

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There will be period camping and modern camping. Several rental cottages are available with Reservations highly recommended.

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## Where?

### **Barthell Coal Mining Camp**

552 Barthell Rd.

Stearns, KY. 42647

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[www.barthellcoalcamp.com](http://www.barthellcoalcamp.com)

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## Directions

From 1-75 take exit 11 at Williamsburg.

Hwy. 92 West. go approx. 19 miles.

At US. 27 turn north.

(Look for pedestrian bridge across US. 27) Continue on US. 27 N / 92 N.

Turn left onto Wilburn K. Ross Hwy Continue to US. 1651

Follow road to the left at BP station.

Continue approx. Y:z mile turn right on US. 741

At white church turn right on to US. 742

Follow signs 6 miles to Barthell Coal Camp

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riflemen, but, as more ammunition was expected, he declined to do so. The Germans launched their last all-out attack, converging their fire on Pvt. Ross in a desperate attempt to destroy the machinegun, which stood between them and a decisive breakthrough. As his supporting riflemen fixed bayonets for a last-ditch stand, fresh ammunition arrived and was brought to Pvt. Ross just as the advance assault elements were about to swarm over his position. He opened murderous fire on the oncoming enemy; killed 40 and wounded 10 of the attacking force; broke the assault single-handedly, and forced the Germans to withdraw. Having killed or wounded at least 58 Germans in more than 5 hours of continuous combat and saved the remnants of his company from destruction, Pvt. Ross remained at his post that night and the following day for a total of 36 hours. His actions throughout this engagement were an inspiration to his comrades and maintained the high traditions of the military service.