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AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR



By direction of the President, under the act of Congress approved 9 July 1918 (WD Bul. 43, 1918), the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to the following-named officer:

First Lieutenant *Carl H. Dodd*, (then second lieutenant), Company E, 5th Infantry Regiment, Army of the United States, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Subuk, Korea, on 30 and 31 January 1951. Lieutenant *Dodd*, given the responsibility of spearheading an attack to capture Hill 256, a key terrain feature defended by a well-armed, crafty foe who had withstood several previous assaults, led his platoon forward over hazardous terrain under hostile small-arms, mortar, and artillery fire from well-camouflaged enemy emplacements, which reached such intensity that his men faltered. With utter disregard for his safety, Lieutenant *Dodd* moved among his men, reorganized and encouraged them, and then single-handedly charged the first hostile machine-gun nest, killing or wounding all its occupants. Inspired by his incredible courage, his platoon responded magnificently and, fixing bayonets and throwing grenades, closed on the enemy and wiped out every hostile position as it moved relentlessly onward to its initial objective. Securing the first series of enemy positions, Lieutenant *Dodd* again reorganized his platoon and led them across a narrow ridge and onto Hill 256. Firing his rifle and throwing grenades, he advanced at the head of his platoon, despite the intense, concentrated hostile fire, which was brought to bear on their narrow avenue of approach. When his platoon was still 200 yards from the objective, he moved ahead and with his last grenade destroyed an enemy mortar, killing the crew. Darkness then halted the advance, but at daybreak Lieutenant *Dodd*, again boldly advancing ahead of his unit, led the platoon through a dense fog against the remaining hostile positions. With bayonet and grenades, he continued to set the pace without regard for the danger to his life, until he and his troops had eliminated the last of the defenders and had secured the final objective. Lieutenant *Dodd's* superb leadership and extraordinary heroism inspired his men to overcome this strong enemy defense, reflect the highest credit on himself, and uphold the esteemed traditions of the military service.



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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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