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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 posthumously by the Department of the Army in the name of the Congress to the following-named enlisted man:



Sergeant *George D. Libby* (Service No.),
Corps of Engineers, United States Army, a member of
Company C, 3d Engineer Combat Battalion, distinguished
himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above
and beyond the call of duty in action near Taejon, Korea,
on 20 July 1950. While breaking through an enemy encir-
clement, the vehicle in which he was riding approached
an enemy road block and encountered devastating fire
which disabled the truck and killed or wounded all the
passengers except Sergeant *Libby*. Taking cover in a
ditch, Sergeant *Libby* engaged the enemy and, despite the
heavy fire, crossed the road twice to administer aid to his
wounded comrades. He then hailed a passing M-5 artil-
lery tractor and helped the wounded aboard. The enemy
directed intense small-arms fire at the driver, and Sergeant
Libby, realizing that no one else could operate the vehicle,
placed himself between the driver and the enemy, thereby
shielding him while he returned the fire. During this
action, he received several wounds in the arms and body.
Continuing through the town, the tractor made frequent
stops and Sergeant *Libby* helped more wounded aboard.
Refusing first aid, he continued to shield the driver and
return the fire of the enemy, when another road block was
encountered. Sergeant *Libby* received additional wounds
but held his position until he lost consciousness. Sergeant
Libby's sustained, heroic actions enabled his comrades to
reach friendly lines. His dauntless courage and gallant
self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit on himself and
uphold the esteemed traditions of the military service.



This general order will be read to all troops and will be posted conspicuously on the bulletin boards in each unit area.

By order of the Secretary of the Army:

OFFICIAL:

WM. E. BERGIN
Major General, USA
The Adjutant General

J. LAWTON COLLINS
Chief of Staff, United States Army