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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:

Private First Class *Robert H. Young* (Service No. _____), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company E, 8th Cavalry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action north of Kaesong, Korea, on 9 October 1950. Private *Young's* company, spearheading a battalion drive deep in enemy territory, suddenly came under a devastating barrage of enemy mortar and automatic-weapons cross-fire which inflicted heavy casualties among his comrades and wounded him in the face and shoulder. Refusing to be evacuated, Private *Young* remained in position and continued to fire at the enemy until wounded a second time. As he awaited first aid near the company command post, the enemy attempted an enveloping movement. Disregarding medical treatment, he took an exposed position and, firing with deadly accuracy, killed five of the enemy. During this action, he was again hit by hostile fire which knocked him to the ground and destroyed his helmet. Later, when supporting tanks moved forward, Private *Young*, his wounds still untreated, directed tank fire which destroyed three enemy gun positions and enabled the company to advance. Wounded again by an enemy mortar burst, and while aiding several of his injured comrades, he demanded that all others be evacuated first. Throughout the course of this action, the leadership and combative instinct displayed by Private *Young* exerted a profound influence on the conduct of the company. His aggressive example affected the whole course of the action and was responsible for its success. Private *Young's* dauntless courage and intrepidity 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:

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WM. E. BERGIN
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The Adjutant General

J. LAWTON COLLINS
Chief of Staff, United States Army