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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 the Congress to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class *Luther H. Story* (Service No.), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company A, 9th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action near Agok, Korea. On 1 September 1950, a savage daylight attack by elements of three enemy divisions penetrated the thinly held lines of the 9th Infantry Regiment. Company A beat off several "banzai" attacks but was bypassed and in danger of being cut off and surrounded. Private *Story*, a weapons squad leader, was heavily engaged in stopping the early attacks and had just moved his squad to a position overlooking the Nakdong River when he observed a large group of the enemy crossing the river to attack Company A. Seizing a machine gun from his wounded gunner, he placed deadly fire on the hostile column and killed or wounded an estimated 100 enemy soldiers. Facing certain encirclement, the company commander ordered a withdrawal. During the move, Private *Story* noticed the approach of an enemy truck loaded with troops and towing an ammunition trailer. Alerting his comrades to take cover, he fearlessly stood in the middle of the road and threw grenades into the truck. When out of grenades, he crawled to his squad, gathered up additional grenades, and again attacked the vehicle. During the withdrawal, the company was attacked by such superior numbers that it was forced to deploy in a rice field. Private *Story* was wounded in this action but disregarded his wounds and rallied the men about him and repelled the attack. Realizing that his wounds would hamper his comrades, he refused to retire to the next position and remained to cover the company's withdrawal. When last seen, he was firing every weapon available and fighting off another hostile assault. Private *Story's* extraordinary heroism, aggressive leadership, and supreme devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and are in keeping with the esteemed traditions of the military service.



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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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