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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 officer:



Second Lieutenant *Jerome A. Sudut*, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company B, 27th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Kumbwa, Korea, on 12 September 1951. His platoon, attacking heavily fortified and strategically located hostile emplacements, was stopped by intense fire from a large bunker containing several firing posts. Armed with submachine gun, pistol, and grenades, Lieutenant *Sudut* charged the emplacement alone through vicious hostile fire, killing three of the occupants and dispersing the remainder. Painfully wounded, he returned to reorganize his platoon, refused evacuation, and led his men in a renewed attack. The enemy had returned to the bunker by means of connecting trenches from other emplacements and the platoon was again halted by devastating fire. Accompanied by an automatic rifleman, Lieutenant *Sudut* again charged into close-range fire to eliminate the position. When the rifleman was wounded, Lieutenant *Sudut* seized his weapon and continued alone, killing three of the four remaining occupants. Although mortally wounded and his ammunition exhausted, he jumped into the emplacement and killed the remaining enemy soldier with his trench knife. His single-handed assaults so inspired his comrades that they continued the attack, drove the enemy from the hill, and secured the objective. Lieutenant *Sudut's* consummate fighting spirit, outstanding leadership, and gallant self-sacrifice are in keeping with the finest traditions of the Infantry and the United States Army.



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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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