DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY WASHINGTON 25, D. C., 7 July 1952

## 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:



Corporal Ronald E. Rosser (Service No. Infantry, United States Army, a member of Heavy Mortar Company, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry above and beyond the call of duty on 12 January 1952 in the vicinity of Ponggil-li, Korea. While assaulting heavily fortified enemy hill positions, Company L, 38th Infantry Regiment, was stopped by fierce automatic-weapons, small-arms, artillery, and mortar fire. Corporal Rosser, a forward observer from Heavy Mortar Company, was with the lead platoon of Company L, 38th Infantry Regiment, when it came under fire from two directions. Corporal Rosser turned his radio over to his assistant and, disregarding the enemy fire, charged the enemy positions armed with only carbine and a grenade. At the first bunker, he silenced its occupants with a burst from his weapon. Gaining the top of the hill, he killed two enemy soldiers and then went down the trench and killed five more as he advanced. He then hurled his grenade into a bunker and shot two other soldiers as they emerged. Having exhausted his ammunition, he returned through the enemy fire to obtain more ammunition and grenades and charged the bill once more. Calling on others to follow him, he assaulted two more enemy bunkers. Although those who attempted to join him became casualties, Corporal Rosser once again exhausted his ammunition, obtained a new supply, returned to the hilltop a third time, and hurled grenades into the enemy positions. During this heroic action, Corporal Rosser single-handed killed at least 13 of the enemy. After exhausting his ammunition, he accompanied the withdrawing platoon and, though himself wounded, made several trips across open terrain still under enemy fire to help remove other men injured more seriously than himself. This outstanding soldler's courageous and selfless devotion to duty is worthy of emulation by all men. Corporal Rosser contributed magnificently to the high traditions of the military service.















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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:

OFFICIAL:

WM. E. BERGIN
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The Adjutant General

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Chief of Staff, United States Army