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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 *Donn F. Porter*

Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company G, 14th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Mundung-ni, Korea, on 7 September 1952. Advancing under cover of intense mortar and artillery fire, two hostile platoons attacked a combat outpost commanded by Sergeant *Porter*, destroyed communications, and killed two of his three-man crew. Gallantly maintaining his position, Sergeant *Porter* poured deadly accurate fire into the ranks of the enemy, killing 15 and dispersing the remainder. After falling back under a hail of fire, the determined foe reorganized and stormed forward in an attempt to overrun the outpost. Without hesitation, Sergeant *Porter* jumped from his position with bayonet fixed and, meeting the onslaught and in close combat, killed six hostile soldiers and routed the attack. While returning to the outpost, he was killed by an artillery burst, but his courageous actions forced the enemy to break off the engagement and thwarted a surprise attack on the main line of resistance. Sergeant *Porter's* incredible display of valor, gallant self-sacrifice, and consummate devotion to duty reflect the highest credit on himself and uphold the noble 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:

M. B. RIDGWAY,
General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

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Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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