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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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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. 48, 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:



Corporal *Olifton T. Speicher* Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company F, 223d Infantry Regiment, 40th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and indomitable courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Minari-gol, Korea, on 14 June 1952. While participating in an assault to secure a key terrain feature, Corporal *Speicher's* squad was pinned down by withering small-arms, mortar, and machine-gun fire. Although already wounded, Corporal *Speicher* left the comparative safety of his position and made a daring charge against the machine-gun emplacement. Within 10 yards of the goal, he was again wounded by small-arms fire, but continued on, entered the bunker, killed two hostile soldiers with his rifle and a third with his bayonet, and silenced the machine gun. Inspired by this incredible display of valor, the men quickly moved up and completed the mission. Dazed and shaken, Corporal *Speicher* walked to the foot of the hill, where he collapsed and died. Corporal *Speicher's* consummate sacrifice and unflinching devotion to duty reflect lasting glory on himself and uphold the noble 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:



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

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WM. E. BERGIN,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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