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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 Congress to the following-named enlisted man:

Sergeant First Class *Charles W. Turner* (Service No.), Armor, United States Army, 2d Reconnaissance Company, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Yongsan, Korea. On 1 September 1950 a large enemy force launched a mortar and automatic-weapon-supported assault against his platoon. Sergeant *Turner*, a section leader, quickly organized his unit for defense and then observed that the attack was directed at the tank section 100 yards away. Leaving his secured section, he dashed through a hail of fire to the threatened position and mounting a tank, manned the exposed turret machine gun. Disregarding the intense enemy fire, he calmly held this position, delivering deadly accurate fire and pointing out targets for the tank's 75-mm gun. His action resulted in the destruction of seven enemy machine-gun nests. Although severely wounded, he remained at the gun shouting encouragement to his comrades. During the action the tank received over 50 direct hits; the periscopes and antenna were shot away and three rounds hit the machine-gun mount. Despite this fire he remained at his post until a burst of enemy fire cost him his life. This intrepid and heroic performance enabled the platoon to withdraw and later launch an attack which routed the enemy. Sergeant *Turner's* valor and example reflect the highest credit on himself and are in keeping with the esteemed traditions of the United States Army.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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