

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 Congress to the following-named enlisted man:

Private First Class *Melvin L. Brown* (Service No.

), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, Company D, 8th Engineer Combat Battalion, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against an enemy on 4 September 1950, near Kasan, Korea. While his platoon was securing Hill 755 (the Walled City) the enemy, using heavy automatic weapons and small arms, counterattacked. Taking a position on a 50-foot-high wall, he delivered heavy rifle fire on the enemy. His ammunition was soon expended and although wounded he remained at his post and threw his few grenades into the attackers, causing many casualties. When his supply of grenades was exhausted his comrades from nearby fox holes tossed others to him and he left his position, braving a hail of fire, to retrieve and throw them at the enemy. The attackers continued to assault his position and Private *Brown*, weaponless, drew his intrenching tool from his pack and calmly waited until they, one by one, peered over the wall, delivering each a crushing blow upon the head. Knocking 10 or 12 enemy from the wall, his daring action so inspired his platoon that they repelled the attack and held their position. Private *Brown's* extraordinary heroism, gallantry, and intrepidity reflect the highest credit on himself and are in keeping with the honored traditions of the military service.



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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:



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