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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. 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 First Class *Loren R. Kaufman* (Service No.), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company G, 9th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action on 4 and 5 September 1950 near Yongsan, Korea. On the night of 4 September, the company was in a defensive position on two adjoining hills. Sergeant *Kaufman's* platoon was occupying a strong point 2 miles away protecting the battalion flank. Early on 5 September, the company was attacked by an enemy battalion and his platoon was ordered to reinforce the company. As his unit moved along a ridge, it encountered a hostile encircling force. Sergeant *Kaufman*, running forward, bayoneted the lead scout and engaged the column in a rifle and grenade assault. His quick, vicious attack so surprised the enemy that they retreated in confusion. When his platoon joined the company, he discovered that the enemy had taken commanding ground and pinned the company down in a draw. Without hesitation, Sergeant *Kaufman* charged the enemy lines, firing his rifle and throwing grenades. During the action, he bayoneted two enemy and seizing an unmanned machine gun, delivered deadly fire on the defenders. Following this encounter, the company regrouped and resumed the attack. Leading the assault, he reached the ridge, destroyed a hostile machine-gun position, and routed the remaining enemy. Pursuing the hostile troops, he bayoneted two more and then rushed a mortar position, shooting the gunners. Remnants of the enemy fled to a village and Sergeant *Kaufman* led a patrol into the town, dispersed them, and burned the buildings. The dauntless courage and resolute, intrepid leadership of Sergeant *Kaufman* were directly responsible for the success of his company in regaining its positions, reflect distinct credit on himself, and uphold the esteemed 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:

J. LAWTON COLLINS
Chief of Staff, United States Army

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The Adjutant General

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