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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 *George D. Libby* (Service No.), Corps of Engineers, United States Army, a member of Company C, 3d Engineer Combat Battalion, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action near Taejon, Korea, on 20 July 1950. While breaking through an enemy encirclement, the vehicle in which he was riding approached an enemy road block and encountered devastating fire which disabled the truck and killed or wounded all the passengers except Sergeant *Libby*. Taking cover in a ditch, Sergeant *Libby* engaged the enemy and, despite the heavy fire, crossed the road twice to administer aid to his wounded comrades. He then hailed a passing M-5 artillery tractor and helped the wounded aboard. The enemy directed intense small-arms fire at the driver, and Sergeant *Libby*, realizing that no one else could operate the vehicle, placed himself between the driver and the enemy, thereby shielding him while he returned the fire. During this action, he received several wounds in the arms and body. Continuing through the town, the tractor made frequent stops and Sergeant *Libby* helped more wounded aboard. Refusing first aid, he continued to shield the driver and return the fire of the enemy, when another road block was encountered. Sergeant *Libby* received additional wounds but held his position until he lost consciousness. Sergeant *Libby's* sustained, heroic actions enabled his comrades to reach friendly lines. His dauntless courage and gallant self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit on himself and uphold the esteemed traditions of the military service.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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