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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 by the Department of the Army in the name of the Congress to the following-named enlisted man:

Master Sergeant *Stanley T. Adams* (Service No. RA) (then sergeant first class), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company A, 19th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against an enemy near Sesim-ni, Korea, on 4 February 1951. At approximately 0100 hours, Sergeant *Adams'* platoon, holding an outpost some 200 yards ahead of his company, came under a determined attack by an estimated 250 enemy troops. Intense small-arms, machine-gun, and mortar fire from three sides pressed the platoon back against the main line of resistance. Observing approximately 150 hostile troops silhouetted against the skyline advancing against his platoon, Sergeant *Adams* leaped to his feet, urged his men to fix bayonets, and, with 13 members of his platoon, charged this hostile force with indomitable courage. Within 50 yards of the enemy, Sergeant *Adams* was knocked to the ground when pierced in the leg by an enemy bullet. He jumped to his feet and, ignoring his wound, continued on to close with the enemy when he was knocked down four times from the concussion of grenades which had bounced off his body. Shouting orders, he charged the enemy positions and engaged them in hand-to-hand combat where man after man fell before his terrific onslaught with bayonet and rifle butt. After nearly an hour of vicious action, Sergeant *Adams* and his comrades routed the fanatical foe, killed over 50, and forced the remainder to withdraw. Upon receiving orders that his battalion was moving back, he provided cover fire while his men withdrew. Sergeant *Adams'* superb leadership, incredible courage, and consummate devotion to duty so inspired his comrades that the enemy attack was completely thwarted and his battalion saved from possible disaster. His sustained personal bravery and indomitable fighting spirit against overwhelming odds reflect the utmost glory on himself and uphold the finest traditions of the Infantry and 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:

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