

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 *Junior D. Edwards*

, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company E, 23d Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Changbong-ni, Korea, on 2 January 1951. When his platoon, while assisting in the defense of a strategic hill, was forced out of its position and came under vicious, raking fire from an enemy machine-gun set-up on adjacent high ground, Sergeant *Edwards* individually charged the hostile emplacement, throwing grenades as he advanced. The enemy withdrew, but returned to deliver devastating fire when Sergeant *Edwards* had expended his ammunition. Securing a fresh supply of grenades, he again charged the emplacement, neutralized the weapon, and killed the crew, but was forced back by hostile small-arms fire. When the enemy emplaced another machine gun and resumed fire, Sergeant *Edwards* again renewed his supply of grenades, rushed a third time through a vicious hail of fire, silenced this second gun, and annihilated its crew. In this third daring assault he was mortally wounded, but his indomitable courage and successful action enabled his platoon to regain and hold the vital strong point. Sergeant *Edwards*' consummate valor and gallant self-sacrifice reflect the utmost glory on himself and are in keeping with the esteemed traditions of the Infantry and the military service.



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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY :

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