GENERAL ORDERS No. 14

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C., *1 February 1952*

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:

Corporal *Clair Goodblood* (Service No. RA11171892), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company D, 7th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in action against an armed enemy of the United Nations near Popsu-dong, Korea, on 24 and 25 April 1951. Corporal *Goodblood*, a machine gunner, was attached to Company B in defensive positions on thickly wooded key terrain under attack by a ruthless foe. In the bitter fighting which ensued, the numerically superior enemy infiltrated the perimeter, rendering the friendly positions untenable. Upon order to move back, Corporal *Goodblood* voluntarily remained to cover the withdrawal and, constantly vulnerable to heavy fire, inflicted withering destruction on the assaulting force. Seeing a grenade lobbed at his position, he shoved his assistant to the ground and, flinging himself upon the soldier, attempted to shield him. Despite his valorous act, both men were wounded. Rejecting aid for himself, he ordered the ammunition bearer to evacuate the injured man for medical treatment. He fearlessly maintained his one-man defensive, sweeping the onrushing assailants with fire until an enemy banzai charge carried the hill and silenced his gun. When friendly elements regained the commanding ground, Corporal *Goodblood's* body was found lying beside his gun and approximately 100 hostile dead lay in the wake of his field of fire. Through his unflinching courage and willing self-sacrifice, the onslaught was retarded, thereby enabling his unit to withdraw, regroup, and resecure the strong point. Corporal *Goodblood's* inspirational conduct and devotion to duty reflect lasting glory on himself and are in keeping with the noble traditions of the military service.

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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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The Adjutant General

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