

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 officer:



First Lieutenant *Lloyd L. Burke*, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company G, 5th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Chong-dong, Korea, on 28 October 1951. Intense enemy fire had pinned down leading elements of his company committed to secure commanding ground when Lieutenant *Burke* left the command post to rally and urge the men to follow him toward three bunkers impeding the advance. Dashing to an exposed vantage point, he threw several grenades at the bunkers, then returning for an M-1 rifle and adapter, he made a lone assault, wiping out the position and killing the crew. Closing on the center bunker, he lobbed grenades through the opening and, with his pistol, killed three of its occupants attempting to surround him. Ordering his men forward, he charged the third emplacement, catching several grenades in midair and hurling them back at the enemy. Inspired by his display of valor, his men stormed forward and overran the hostile position, but were again pinned down by increased fire. Securing a light machine gun and three boxes of ammunition, Lieutenant *Burke* dashed through the impact area to an open knoll, set up his gun, and poured a crippling fire into the ranks of the enemy, killing approximately 75. Although wounded, he ordered more ammunition, reloaded, and destroyed two mortar emplacements and a machine-gun position with his accurate fire. Cradling the weapon in his arms, he then led his men forward, killed 25 or more of the retreating enemy, and secured the objective. Lieutenant *Burke's* heroic action and daring exploits inspired his small force of 35 comrades to overcome an estimated defending enemy force of 300 troops. His unflinching courage and outstanding leadership reflect the highest credit on himself, the Infantry, and the United States Army.



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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WM. E. BERGIN
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The Adjutant General

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