

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 *Tony K. Burris*

Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company L, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in the vicinity of Mundung-ni, Korea, on 8 and 9 October 1951. On 8 October, when his company encountered intense fire from an entrenched hostile force, Sergeant *Burris* charged forward alone, throwing grenades into the position, and destroying approximately 15 of the enemy. On the following day, spearheading a renewed assault on enemy positions on the next ridge, Sergeant First Class *Burris* was wounded by machine gun fire, but continued the assault, reaching the crest of the ridge ahead of his unit, and sustaining a second wound. Calling for a 57mm recoilless rifle team, Sergeant First Class *Burris* deliberately exposed himself to draw hostile fire and reveal the enemy position. The enemy machine gun emplacement was destroyed. The company then moved forward and prepared to assault other positions on the ridge line. Sergeant *Burris*, refusing evacuation and submitting only to emergency treatment, joined the unit in its renewed attack, but fire from hostile emplacements halted the advance. Sergeant *Burris* rose to his feet, charged forward and destroyed the first emplacement with its heavy machine gun and crew of six men. Moving out to the next emplacement, and throwing his last grenade which destroyed this position, Sergeant First Class *Burris* fell mortally wounded by enemy fire. Inspired by his consummate gallantry, his comrades renewed a spirited assault which overran enemy positions and secured Hill 605, a strategic position in the battle for "Heartbreak Ridge." Sergeant *Burris*' indomitable fighting spirit, outstanding heroism, and gallant self-sacrifice reflect the highest glory upon 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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