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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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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 officer:

First Lieutenant *James L. Stone*, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company F, 8th Cavalry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and indomitable courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Sokkogae, Korea, on 21 and 22 November 1951. When his platoon, holding a vital outpost position, was attacked by overwhelming Chinese forces, Lieutenant *Stone* stood erect and exposed to the terrific enemy fire and calmly directed his men in the defense. A defensive flame thrower failing to function, he personally moved to its location, further exposing himself, and personally repaired the weapon. Throughout a second attack, Lieutenant *Stone*, although painfully wounded, personally carried the only remaining light machine gun from place to place in the position in order to bring fire upon the Chinese advancing from two directions. Throughout, he continued to encourage and direct his depleted platoon in its hopeless defense. Although again wounded, he continued the fight with his carbine, still exposing himself as an example to his men. When this final overwhelming assault swept over the platoon's position, his voice still could be heard faintly urging his men to carry on, until he lost consciousness. Only because of Lieutenant *Stone's* driving spirit and heroic action was the platoon emboldened to make its brave but hopeless last-ditch stand.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

M. B. RIDGWAY,
General, United States Army,
Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

WM. E. BERGIN,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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