

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 *Edward R. Schowalter, Jr.*, O64446, Infantry, United States Army, Commanding Company A, 31st Infantry Regiment, 7th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and indomitable courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Kumhwa, Korea, on 14 October 1952. Committed to attack and occupy a key approach to the primary objective, the First Platoon of his company came under heavy, vicious small-arms, grenade, and mortar fire within 50 yards of the enemy-held strong-point, which halted the advance and inflicted several casualties. The Second Platoon moved up in support at this juncture and, although wounded, Lieutenant *Schowalter* continued to spearhead the assault. Nearing the objective, he was severely wounded by a grenade fragment but, refusing medical aid, he led his men into the trenches and began routing the enemy from the bunkers with grenades. Suddenly, from a burst of fire from a hidden cave off the trench, he was again wounded. Although suffering from his wounds, he refused to relinquish command and continued issuing orders and encouraging his men until the commanding ground was secured; then he was evacuated. Lieutenant *Schowalter's* unflinching courage, extraordinary heroism, and inspirational leadership reflect the highest credit on himself and are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.



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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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

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Major General, United States Army,
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