GENERAL ORDERS No. 17

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 officer:

Second Lieutenant *Darwin K. Kyle*, Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company K, 7th Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Kamil-ni, Korea, on 16 February 1951. When his platoon was pinned down by intense fire, he completely exposed himself to move among and encourage his men to continue the advance against enemy forces strongly entrenched on Hill 185. Inspired by his courageous leadership, the platoon resumed the advance, but was again pinned down when an enemy machine gun opened fire, wounding six of his men. Lieutenant *Kyle* immediately charged the hostile emplacement alone, engaged the crew in hand-to-hand combat, and killed all three. Continuing on toward the objective, his platoon suddenly received an intense automatic-weapons fire from a well-concealed hostile position on its right flank. Again leading his men in a daring bayonet charge against this position, firing his carbine and throwing grenades, Lieutenant *Kyle* personally destroyed four of the enemy before he was killed by a burst from an enemy submachine gun. The extraordinary heroism and outstanding leadership of Lieutenant *Kyle* and his gallant self-sacrifice reflect the highest credit on himself and are in keeping with the esteemed traditions of the military service.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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