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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 posthumously by the Department of Army in the name of the Congress to the following-named enlisted man:

Sergeant First Class *William S. Sitman*

Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company M, 23d Infantry Regiment, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action against an armed enemy of the United Nations near Chipyong-ni, Korea, on 14 February 1951. Sergeant *Sitman*, a machine-gun section leader of Company M, was attached to Company I, which was under attack by a numerically superior hostile force. During the encounter, when an enemy grenade knocked out his machine gun, a squad from Company I immediately emplaced a light machine gun and Sergeant *Sitman* and his men remained to provide security for the crew. In the ensuing action, the enemy lobbed a grenade into the position and Sergeant *Sitman*, fully aware of the odds against him, selflessly threw himself on it, absorbing the full force of the explosion with his body. Although mortally wounded in this fearless display of valor, his intrepid act saved five men from death or serious injury and enabled them to continue inflicting withering fire on the ruthless foe throughout the attack. Sergeant *Sitman's* noble self-sacrifice and consummate devotion to duty reflect lasting glory on himself and uphold the honored traditions of the military service.

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BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY:

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