GENERAL ORDERS No. 70

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C., *24 September 1954*

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 enlisted man:

Master Sergeant *Ola L. Mize* (then sergeant), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company K, 15th Infantry Regiment, 3d Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and outstanding courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Surang-ni, Korea, on 10 and 11 June 1953. Company K was defending "Outpost Harry," a strategically valuable position, when the enemy launched a heavy attack. Learning that a wounded comrade lay helpless at a friendly listening post, Sergeant *Mize* with a medical aid man moved through intense enemy fire and rescued him. On returning to his position, Sergeant *Mize* organized an effective defense and inflicted heavy casualties against the continuously and fiercely attacking enemy. During this period, he was knocked down three times by the concussion of artillery and grenade blasts, but each time he dauntlessly arose and resumed the violent combat. When enemy onslaughts ceased temporarily, with the enemy in possession of friendly emplacements in the outpost area, he led his few remaining men from bunker to bunker, firing into the apertures, throwing grenades at the entrenched foe, and effectively neutralizing their positions. When an enemy soldier suddenly stepped from cover prepared to fire at one of Sergeant *Mize's* men, Sergeant *Mize* killed him, thereby saving the life of his fellow soldier. After rejoining the platoon, he observed that a friendly machinegun had been overrun. Unhesitatingly, he fought his way to the position, singlehandedly killed 10 of the enemy, and dispersed the remainder. Fighting his way back to his command post, he took a position to protect several wounded soldiers. Later, securing a radio, he directed friendly artillery fire upon the attacking enemy's route of approach and at dawn he helped regroup for a counterattack which drove the enemy from the outpost. Sergeant *Mize's* valorous conduct and unflinching courage reflect lasting glory on himself and uphold the noble traditions of the military service.

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:

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

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Major General, United States Army,
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