GENERAL ORDERS
No. 2

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C., *11 January 1955*

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 enlisted man:

Corporal *Charles L. Gilliland*, (Service No.), (then Private First Class), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company I, 7th 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 Tongmang-ni, Korea, on 25 April 1951. A numerically superior hostile force launched a coordinated assault against his company perimeter, the brunt of which was directed up a defile covered by his automatic rifle. His assistant was killed by enemy fire but Corporal *Gilliland*, facing the full force of the assault, poured a steady fire into the foe which stemmed the onslaught. When two enemy soldiers escaped his raking fire and infiltrated the sector, he leaped from his foxhole, overtook and killed them both with his pistol. Sustaining a serious head wound in this daring exploit, Corporal *Gilliland* refused medical attention and returned to his emplacement to continue his defense of the vital defile. His unit was ordered back to new defensive positions but Corporal *Gilliland* volunteered to remain to cover the withdrawal and hold the enemy at bay. His heroic actions and indomitable devotion to duty prevented the enemy from completely overrunning his company positions. Corporal *Gilliland's incredible valor and supreme sacrifice reflect lasting glory* upon himself and are in keeping with the honored traditions of the military service.

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

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JOHN A. KLEIN,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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