GENERAL ORDERS No. 3

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
WASHINGTON 25, D. C., *12 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:

Sergeant *Gilbert G. Collier* (Service No.) (then Corporal), Infantry, United States Army, a member of Company F, 223d Infantry Regiment, 40th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and indomitable courage above and beyond the call of duty in action against the enemy near Tutayon, Korea, on 19-20 July 1953. Sergeant *Collier* was point man and assistant leader of a combat patrol committed to make contact with the enemy. As the patrol moved forward through the darkness, he and his commanding officer slipped and fell from a steep, 60-foot cliff and were injured. Incapacitated by a badly sprained ankle which prevented immediate movement, the officer ordered the patrol to return to the safety of friendly lines. Although suffering from a painful back injury, Sergeant *Collier* elected to remain with his leader, and before daylight they managed to crawl back up and over the mountainous terrain to the opposite valley where they concealed themselves in the brush until nightfall, then edged toward their company positions. Shortly after leaving the daylight retreat they were ambushed and, in the ensuing fire-fight, Sergeant *Collier* killed two hostile soldiers, received painful wounds, and was separated from his companion. Then, ammunition expended, he closed in hand to hand combat with four attacking hostile infantrymen, killing, wounding and routing the foe with his bayonet. He was mortally wounded during this action, but made a valiant attempt to reach and assist his leader in a desperate effort to save his comrade's life without regard for his own personal safety. Sergeant *Collier's* unflinching courage, consummate devotion to duty and gallant self-sacrifice reflect lasting glory on himself and uphold the noble 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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JOHN A. KLEIN,
Major General, United States Army,
The Adjutant General.

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