The President of the United States in name of The
Congress takes pride in presenting the MEDAL OF HONOR
posthumously to

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS EDUARD GOMEZ,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and interpidity at the
risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while
serving as an Ammunition Bearer in Company E, Second Battalion,
First Marines, First Marine Division (Reinforced), in
action against enemy aggressor forces in Korea on 14
September 1951. Boldly advancing with his squad in support
of a group of riflemen assaulting a series of strongly
fortified and bitterly defended hostile positions on Hill
749, Private First Class Gomez consistently exposed
himself to the withering barrage to keep his machine
gun supplied with ammunition during the drive forward
to seize the objective. As his squad deployed to meet
an imminent counterattack, he voluntarily moved down an
abandoned trench to search for a new location for the
gun and, when a hostile grenade landed between himself
and his weapon, shouted a warning to those around him as
he grasped the activated charge in his hand. Determined
to save his comrades, he unhesitatingly chose to sacrifice
himself and, diving into the ditch with the deadly missile,
absorbed the shattering violence of the explosion in his
own body. By his stouthearted courage, incomparable
valor and decisive spirit of self-sacrifice, Private First
Class Gomez inspired the others to heroic efforts in sub-
sequently repelling the outnumbering foe, and his valiant
conduct throughout sustained and enhanced the finest
traditions of the United States Naval Service. He gallantly
gave his life for his country."

/s/ Harry S. Truman