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

PRIVATE FIRST CLASS HERBERT A LITTLETON,
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS RESERVE,

for service as set forth in the following

CITATION:

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk
of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as
a Radio Operator with an Artillery Forward Observation Team of
Company C, First Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine
Division (Reinforced), in action against enemy aggressor
forces in Korea on 22 April 1951. Standing watch when a well-
concealed and numerically superior enemy force launched a
violent night attack from near-by positions against his company,
Private First Class Littleton quickly alerted the forward
observation team and immediately moved into an advantageous
position to assist in calling down artillery fire on the hostile
force. When an enemy hand grenade was thrown into his vantage
point shortly after the arrival of the remainder of the team,
he unhesitatingly hurled himself on the deadly missile,
absorbing its full, shattering impact in his own body. By
his prompt action and heroic spirit of self-sacrifice, he
saved the other members of his team from serious injury or
death and enabled them to carry on the vital mission which
culminated in the repulse of the hostile attack. His indomitable
valor in the face of almost certain death reflects the
highest credit upon Private First Class Littleton and the
United States Naval Service. He gallantly gave his life for
his country."

/s/ Harry S. Truman