Lewis L. Millett



Medal of Honor Recipient

MILLETT, LEWIS L.

Captain United States Army Company E 27th Infantry Regiment

Entered service at Mechanic Falls, Maine Born December 15, 1920

Place: Vicinity of Soam-Ni, Korea Date:, 7 February 1951

Citation:

Captain Millett, Company E, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action. While personally leading his company in an attack against a strongly held position he noted that the 1st Platoon was pinned down by small-arms, automatic, and antitank fire. Captain Millett ordered the 3rd Platoon forward, placed himself at the head of the 2 platoons, and, with fixed bayonet, let the assault up the fire swept hill. In the fierce charge Captain Millett bayoneted 2

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enemy soldiers and boldly continued on, throwing grenades, clubbing and bayoneting the enemy, while urging his men forward by shouting encouragement. Despite vicious opposing fire, the whirlwind hand-to-hand assault carried to the crest of the hill. His dauntless leadership and personal courage so inspired his men that they stormed into the hostile position and used their bayonets with such lethal effect that the enemy fled in wild disorder. During this fierce onslaught Captain Millett was wounded by grenade fragments but refused evacuation until the objective was taken and firmly secured. The

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superb leadership, conspicuous courage, and consummate devotion to duty demonstrated by Captain Millett were directly responsible for the successful accomplishment of a hazardous mission and reflect the highest credit on himself and the heroic traditions of the military service.

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