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## Ethiopian decorated

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By order of President Truman, the Bronze Star Medal has just been awarded to Major Tadesse Aggegnehu\* commanding officer in the field of the Ethiopian battalion in Korea. The battalion is an element of the United States 32<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Regiment.

Major Aggegnehu recently returned to Addis Ababa after one year's service in Korea. The medal was presented to him at a special ceremony at American Embassy on July 4.

Presentation was made by the American Charge d'Affaires Richard Gatewood, who read the President's citation to Major Aggegnehu. (See picture above). On his Gatewood's left is Col. Leo Query, American military Attache in Ethiopia.

In the citation, among other things it was stated that the Ethiopian officer “distinguished himself by meritorious service, judgment, keen foresight.... Reflecting credit on himself”

Other Ethiopian soldiers have received lesser decorations for combat service in Korea. But this is the highest award received by an Ethiopian since Emperor Haile Selassie sent a battalion of his best troops to Korea more than a year ago.

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