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AWARD OF THE MEDAL OF HONOR

By direction of the President, under the Joint Resolution of Congress approved 12 July 1862 (amended by act of 3 March 1863, act of 9 July 1918 and act of 25 July 1963), 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 Congress to:

Private First Class *James H. Monroe*, US54801435, United States Army, who distinguished himself on 16 February 1967 while serving as a medical aidman with the 1st Platoon, Company C, 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry, in the vicinity of Bong Son, Hoai Nhon Province, Republic of Vietnam. His platoon was deployed in a night ambush when the position was suddenly subjected to an intense and accurate grenade attack, and one foxhole was hit immediately. Responding without hesitation to the calls for help from the wounded men, Private *Monroe* moved forward through heavy small arms fire to the foxhole but found that all of the men had expired. He turned immediately and crawled back through the deadly hail of fire toward other calls for aid. He moved to the platoon sergeant's position where he found the radio operator bleeding profusely from fragmentation and bullet wounds. Ignoring the continuing enemy attack, Private *Monroe* began treating the wounded men when he saw a live grenade fall directly in front of the position. He shouted a warning to all those nearby, pushed the wounded radio operator and the platoon sergeant to one side, and lunged forward to smother the grenade's blast with his body. Through his valorous actions, performed in a flash of inspired selflessness, Private *Monroe* saved the lives of two of his comrades and prevented the probable injury of several others. His conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty were in the highest traditions of the United States Army, and reflect great credit upon himself and the armed forces of his country.

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