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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:

Specialist Four *Thomas J. McMahon*, , United States Army, who distinguished himself on 19 March 1969 while serving as medical aidman with Company A, 2d Battalion, 1st Infantry, 196th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, in Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam. When the lead elements of his company came under heavy fire from well-fortified enemy positions, three soldiers fell seriously wounded. Specialist *McMahon*, with complete disregard for his own safety, left his covered position and ran through intense enemy fire to the side of one of the wounded, administered first aid and then carried him to safety. He returned through the hail of fire to the side of a second wounded man. Although painfully wounded by an exploding mortar round while returning the wounded man to a secure position, Specialist *McMahon* refused medical attention and heroically ran back through the heavy enemy fire toward his remaining wounded comrade. He fell mortally wounded before he could rescue the last man. Specialist *McMahon*'s conspicuous gallantry and undaunted concern for the welfare of his comrades at the cost of his own life are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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