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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 (Posthumous) for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to:

Corporal *Frank R. Fratellenico*, , United States Army, who distinguished himself on August 19, 1970 while serving as a rifleman with Company B, 2d Battalion, 502d Infantry, 1st Brigade, 101st Airborne Division. During an assault that day against a North Vietnamese Army company near Fire Base, Barnett, Quang Tri Province, Corporal *Fratellenico*'s squad was pinned down by intensive fire from two well-fortified enemy bunkers. At great personal risk, Corporal *Fratellenico* maneuvered forward and, using hand grenades, neutralized the first bunker which was occupied by a number of enemy soldiers. While attacking the second bunker, enemy fire struck Corporal *Fratellenico*, causing him to fall to the ground and drop a grenade which he was preparing to throw. Alert to the imminent danger to his comrades, Corporal *Fratellenico* retrieved the grenade and fell upon it an instant before it exploded. His heroic actions prevented death or serious injury to four of his comrades nearby and inspired his unit which subsequently overran the enemy position. Corporal *Fratellenico's* conspicuous gallantry, extraordinary heroism, and intrepidity at the cost of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit on him, his unit, and the United States Army.

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