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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 by the Department of the Army in the name of the Congress to:



First Lieutenant *Walter J. Marm, Jr.*, (then Second Lieutenant) Infantry, United States Army, who distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty while engaged in action against a hostile force in the vicinity of the La Drang Valley, Republic of Vietnam, on 14 November 1965. As a Platoon Leader in the 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), Lieutenant *Marm* demonstrated indomitable courage during a combat operation in the La Drang Valley. His company was moving through the valley to relieve a friendly unit surrounded by an enemy force of estimated regimental size. Lieutenant *Marm* led his platoon through withering fire until they were finally forced to take cover. Realizing that his platoon could not hold very long, and seeing four enemy moving into his position, he moved quickly under heavy fire and annihilated all four. Then, seeing that his platoon was receiving intense fire from a concealed machine gun, he deliberately exposed himself to draw its fire. Thus locating its position, he attempted to destroy it with an anti-tank weapon. Although he inflicted casualties, the weapon did not silence the enemy fire. Quickly, disregarding the intense fire directed on him and his platoon, he charged 30 meters across open ground, and hurled grenades into the enemy position, killing some of the eight insurgents manning it. Although severely wounded, when his grenades were expended, armed with only a rifle, he continued the momentum of his assault on the position and killed the remainder of the enemy. Lieutenant *Marm's* selfless actions reduced the fire on his platoon, broke the enemy assault, and rallied his unit to continue toward the accomplishment of their mission. Lieutenant *Marm's* conspicuous gallantry on the battlefield and his extraordinary intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty are in the highest traditions of the United States Army and reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country. (This award supersedes the Silver Star awarded to Lieutenant *Marm* for gallantry in action on 14 November 1965 as announced in General Orders No 163, Headquarters, United States Army, Vietnam, dated 14 January 1966.)



By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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