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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 Congress to:

Specialist Five (then Specialist Four) *Charles C. Hagemeister*, [REDACTED], United States Army, who distinguished himself at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty on 20 March 1967 while serving as a Medical Aidman, Company A, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry. While conducting combat operations against a hostile force in Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam, Specialist *Hagemeister's* platoon suddenly came under heavy attack from three sides by an enemy force occupying well-concealed fortified positions and supported by machineguns and mortars. Seeing two of his comrades seriously wounded in the initial action, Specialist *Hagemeister* unhesitatingly and with total disregard for his own safety raced through the deadly hail of enemy fire to provide them medical aid. Upon learning that the platoon leader and several other soldiers also had been wounded, Specialist *Hagemeister* continued to brave the withering enemy fire and crawled forward to render lifesaving treatment and to offer words of encouragement. Attempting to evacuate the seriously wounded soldiers, Specialist *Hagemeister* was taken under fire at close range by an enemy sniper. Realizing that the lives of his fellow soldiers depended on his actions, Specialist *Hagemeister* seized a rifle from a fallen comrade, killed the sniper and three other enemy soldiers who were attempting to encircle his position, and silenced an enemy machinegun that covered the area with deadly fire. Unable to remove the wounded to a less-exposed location and aware of the enemy's efforts to isolate his unit, he dashed through the fusillade of fire to secure help from a nearby platoon. Returning with help, he placed men in positions to cover his advance as he moved to evacuate the wounded forward of his location. These efforts successfully completed, he then moved to the other flank and evacuated additional wounded men despite the fact that his every move drew fire from the enemy. Specialist *Hagemeister's* repeated heroic and selfless actions at the risk of his own life saved the lives of many of his comrades and inspired their action in repelling the enemy assault. Specialist *Hagemeister's* conspicuous gallantry and indomitable courage are in the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces and reflect great credit upon himself.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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