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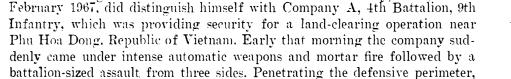






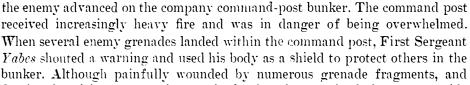
By direction of the President, under the Joint Resolution of Congress approved 12 July 1862 (amended by act of 3 March 1863, act of 9 July 1918 and act of 25 July 1963), the Medal of Honor for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty is awarded posthumously by the Department of the Army in the name of Congress to:



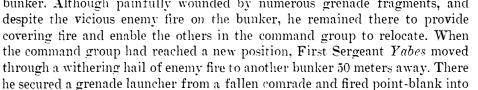


First Sergeant Maximo Yabes. United States Army, who, on 26











the attacking Viet Cong stopping further penetration of the perimeter. Noting two wounded men helpless in the fire-swept area, he moved them to a safer position where they could be given medical treatment. He resumed his accurate and effective fire, killing several enemy soldiers and forcing others to withdraw from the vicinity of the command post. As the battle continued, he observed an enemy machinegum within the perimeter which threatened the whole position. On his own, he dashed across the exposed area, assaulted the machinegun, killed the crew, destroyed the weapon, and fell mortally wounded. First Sergeant Yabes' valiant, and selfless actions saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers and inspired his comrades to effectively repel the enemy assault. His









upon himself and the Armed Forces of his country.



indomitable fighting spirit, extraordinary courage and intrepidity at the cost of his own life are in the highest military traditions and reflect great credit





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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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