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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 *George A. Ingalls*, [REDACTED], United States Army, who, on 16 April 1967, as a member of Company A, 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), accompanied his squad on a night ambush mission near Duc Pho, Republic of Vietnam. Shortly after the ambush was established, an enemy soldier entered the killing zone and was shot when he tried to evade capture. Other enemy soldiers were expected to enter the area, and the ambush was maintained in the same location. Two quiet hours passed without incident, then suddenly a handgrenade was thrown from the nearby dense undergrowth into the center of the squad's position. The grenade did not explode, but shortly thereafter a second grenade landed directly between Specialist *Ingalls* and a nearby comrade. Although he could have jumped to a safe position, Specialist *Ingalls*, in a spontaneous act of great courage, threw himself on the grenade and absorbed its full blast. The explosion mortally wounded Specialist *Ingalls*, but his heroic action saved the lives of the remaining members of his squad. His gallantry and selfless devotion to his comrades are in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service and reflect great credit upon Specialist *Ingalls*, his unit, and the United States Army.



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