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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:



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Specialist Four Carmel B. Harvey, Jr., (US54800275), United States Army, who distinguished himself as a fire team leader with Company B, 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile), during combat operations in Binh Dinh Province, Republic of Vietnam, on 21 June 1967. Ordered to secure a downed helicopter, his platoon established a defensive perimeter around the aircraft, but shortly thereafter a large enemy force attacked the position from three sides. Specialist Harrey and two members of his squad were in a position directly in the path of the enemy onslaught, and their location received the brunt of the fire from an enemy machinegun. In short order, both of his companions were wounded, but Specialist Harrey covered this loss by increasing his deliberate rifle fire at the foe. The enemy machinegun seemed to concentrate on him, and the bullets struck the ground all around his position. One round hit and armed a grenade attached to his belt. Quickly, he tried to remove the grenade but was unsuccessful. Realizing the danger to his comrades if he remained and despite the hail of enemy fire, he jumped to his feet, shouted a challenge at the enemy, and raced toward the deadly machinegun. He nearly reached the enemy position when the grenade on his belt exploded, mortally wounding Specialist Harvey, and stunning the enemy machinegun crew. His final act caused a pause in the enemy fire, and the two wounded men were moved from the danger area. Specialist Harvey's dedication to duty, high sense of responsibility, and heroic actions inspired the others in his platoon to decisively beat back the enemy attack. His acts are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army.















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