

Frankie Molnar



Medal of Honor Recipient

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Staff Sergeant
United States Army
Company B
1st Battalion
8th Infantry
4th Infantry Division

Entered service at Fresno, California
Born February 14, 1943

Place: Kontum Province, Republic of Vietnam
Date: 20 May 1967

Citation:

For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty. SSgt Molnar distinguished himself while serving as a squad leader with Company B, during combat operations. Shortly after the battalion's defensive perimeter was established, it was hit by intense mortar fire as the prelude to a massive enemy night attack. SSgt Molnar immediately left his sheltered location to insure the readiness of his squad to meet the attack. As he crawled through the

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Position, he discovered a group of enemy soldiers closing in on his squad area. His accurate rifle fire killed 5 of the enemy and force the remainder to flee. When the mortar fire stopped, the enemy attacked in a human wave supported by grenades, rockets, automatic weapons, and small-arms fire. After assisting to repel the first enemy assault, SSgt Molnar found that his squad's ammunition and grenade supply was nearly expended. Again leaving the relative safety of his position, he crawled through intense enemy fire to secure additional ammunition and distribute it to his squad. He rejoined his men to beat back the renewed enemy onslaught, and he moved about his area

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providing medical aid and assisting in the evacuation of the wounded. With the help of several men, he was preparing to move a severely wounded soldier when an enemy hand grenade was thrown into the group. The first to see the grenade, SSgt Molnar threw himself on it and absorbed the deadly blast to save his comrades. His demonstrated selflessness and inspirational leadership on the battlefield were a major factor in the successful defense of the American position and are in keeping with the finest traditions of the U.S. Army. SSgt Molnar's actions reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the U.S. Army.

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