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ENDNOTE: Irwin received the Medal of Honor for the earliest action in the history of the award; but he was not literally the first recipient. He received it 21 Jan 1894, for his actions on 13-14 Feb 1861, the earliest action for which the medal was later awarded. The first ceremony awarding Medals of Honor was held on 25 March 1863. It recognized the valorous service of six men in April 1862. Reference:

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