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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:

Private First Class *Daniel J. Shea*, , Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Battalion, 21st Infantry, 196th Infantry Brigade, Americal Division, United States Army, who distinguished himself on 14 May 1969 while serving as a medical aidman with Company C, 3d Battalion, during a combat patrol mission in Quang Tin Province, Republic of Vietnam. As the lead platoon of the company was crossing a rice paddy, a large enemy force in ambush positions opened fire with mortars, grenades and automatic weapons. Under heavy cross-fire from three sides, the platoon withdrew to a small island in the paddy to establish a defensive perimeter. Private *Shea*, seeing that a number of his comrades had fallen in the initial hail of fire, dashed from the defensive position to assist the wounded. With complete disregard for his own safety and braving the intense hostile fire sweeping the open rice paddy, Private *Shea* made four trips to tend wounded soldiers and to carry them to the safety of the platoon position. Seeing a fifth wounded comrade directly in front of one of the enemy strong-points, Private *Shea* ran to his assistance. As he reached the wounded man, Private *Shea* was grievously wounded. Disregarding his own welfare, Private *Shea* tended his wounded comrade and began to move him back to the safety of the defensive perimeter. As he neared the platoon position, Private *Shea* was mortally wounded by a burst of enemy fire. By his heroic actions, Private *Shea* saved the lives of several of his fellow soldiers. Private *Shea*'s gallantry and intrepidity in action at the cost of his life were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

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By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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