

Carl Shefferd

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 173D AIRBORNE BRIGADE
MIL San Francisco 96250

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AWARD OF THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL FOR HEROISM

1. TC 320. The following AWARD is announced.

SHEFFERD, CARL F. SERGEANT UNITED STATES ARMY,
Company C (Ranger) 75th Infantry
Awarded: Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device
Date action: 15 April 1969
Theater: Republic of Vietnam
Reason: For heroism in connection with military operations against a hostile force. Sergeant Shefferd distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions while serving as team leader for team 41, southwest of Landing Zone English, Republic of Vietnam. While on a reconnaissance patrol, Sergeant Shefferd's team unexpectedly walked into a force of 10 enemy soldiers, **three of which** spotted Sergeant Shefferd and he quickly opened fire eliminating two of the enemy. Realizing that his team was outnumbered, Sergeant Shefferd called for helicopter support and ordered his men to move to higher ground while he provided covering fire **for** their withdrawal. When support arrived team 41 was still in contact, but Sergeant Shefferd, without hesitation exposed himself to the enemy fire as he directed the gunships to enemy **positions**. There being no landing zone in the immediate area, Sergeant Shefferd led his men to a location where extraction was made by rope ladder. As his men climbed the rope ladder Sergeant Shefferd again provided covering fire for his team members. Sergeant Shefferd refused extraction until his team was **off** the ground and airborne. Through his courage and outstanding leadership, Sergeant Shefferd contributed immeasurably to the success of the mission. Sergeant Shefferd's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.
Authority: By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962 and USARV Message 16695, AVA-S, 1 July 1966.

FOR THE COMMANDER:

OFFICIAL:



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