

NAVY CROSS



CONRAD A. SIPPLE

Corporal, U.S. Marine Corps

Company G, 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines

An Tuyet, Quang Ngai Province, Republic of Vietnam, 5 March 1966

Entered service at: Salem, Indiana

Born: 3 November 1943

Citation:

The President of the United States of America takes pride in presenting the Navy Cross (Posthumously) to Corporal Conrad Alan Sipple (MCSN: 2043729), United States Marine Corps, for extraordinary heroism as a Squad Leader with Company G, Second Battalion, Fourth Marines, THIRD Marine Division (Reinforced), Fleet Marine Force, in the Republic of Vietnam, on 5 March 1966. The company was engaged in operations against insurgent communist forces in the vicinity of An Tuyet, Quang Ngai Province, when Corporal Sipple's platoon came under extremely heavy small-arms and automatic weapons fire from Viet Cong forces entrenched on a commanding ridgeline. Numerous casualties were inflicted on the platoon and many fell in areas exposed to annihilating fire. With full knowledge of the hazards involved and with complete disregard for his own safety, Corporal Sipple braved the fierce, hostile fire repeatedly to assist in the evacuation of wounded Marines. Oblivious to the unrelenting fusillade of automatic weapons fire, he braved the storm alone on two occasions to assist wounded comrades to safety. On two other occasions he returned into the vicious enemy fire to assist others in the evacuation of seriously wounded comrades who had to be carried bodily from the extremely hazardous area. On his fourth sally into the furious hail of enemy fire he was mortally wounded. Through his outstanding initiative and inspiring valor in the face of great personal risk he saved his comrades from further injury or possible loss of life. He gallantly gave his life in the cause of freedom.