



Subject: Medal of Honor:

BURKE, DANIEL W

Rank and organization: First Sergeant, Company B, 2d U. S. Infantry

Place and date: Shepherdstown, VA, 20 September 1862

Entered service at: Connecticut

Born: Date 22 April 1841, New Haven, Connecticut

Citation:

Voluntarily attempted to spike a gun in the face of the enemy.

Date of issue: 21 April 1892

Addendum:

CAMP NEAR SHARPSBURG, MD., September 25, 1862.

SIR: I respectfully call to the notice of the officer commanding the gallant conduct of First Sergt. Daniel W. Burke, Company B, Second Infantry, on the 20th instant. When our troops were falling back across the Potomac, on hearing that a piece of artillery had been left unspiked, he volunteered to go back and do it, and, on getting permission, did go back and assist in spiking said gun in the face of the enemy's sharpshooters.

Hoping that the case will be noticed as it deserves, I am, sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

W. F. DRUM,

First Lieutenant Second Infantry, Commanding Company B.