

Text of Citation for award of Military Medal  
to Corporal Peter Snell

Corporal Peter Snell enlisted in the Australian Regular Army on 17th April, 1967 and was allotted to the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps. He was posted to 9th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment and arrived in South Vietnam on 5th November, 1968.

At 1310 hours on 8th April, 1969, 1 Platoon, A Company contacted a large group of enemy located in bunkers. During the initial fire-fight, the machine gunner of the leading section was very seriously wounded only twenty metres from the nearest bunker.

On hearing of the casualty, Corporal Snell, who was the company medical assistant moved quickly forward and although in an extremely exposed position, commenced treatment and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Only when he was satisfied that the wounded man was breathing did he commence to move him. Corporal Snell moved him to safety in short stages of three or four metres reapplying mouth-to-mouth resuscitation on each occasion. Throughout this period, Corporal Snell was continually subjected to hostile fire. At one stage his back was grazed by a bullet, but Corporal Snell calmly continued to give treatment in an effort to keep the wounded man alive.

Corporal Snell's conduct in tending to his wounded comrade whilst under fire himself was an act of great dedication and personal bravery. His actions reflect the greatest credit on himself, his corps and the Australian Army.