

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR OR MERIT (MACV Directive 072-1)			
T H R U	T O	Chief, AAG ATTN: AAG-PA APO 96222	F R O M Commander PANK TC AAG APO 96227
	1. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL)		
SCOTT, RONALD L.		2. SSAN: D40575	3. GRADE: CPT/O-3
4. BRANCH/MOS: Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment			
5. MONTHS IN RVN: 9		6. DEROS: 30 Nov 72	7. POSTHUMOUS AWARD: ( ) YES (X) NO
8. DUTY POSITION TITLE: Company Commander			
9. ORGANIZATION AT THE TIME OF ACTION: 2 NZATTN, IN SUPPORT OF FTC-AAG-DBTB, APO 96240		10. DATE(S) OF SERVICE OR ACTION: 1 March 1972 - 30 November 1972	
11. CURRENT UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: FTC AAG DBTB, APO 96240		12. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: NZATGV SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM	
13. AWARD RECOMMENDED:			
<input type="checkbox"/> DSC <input type="checkbox"/> SM <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> SS <input type="checkbox"/> BS <sup>W</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> ACM <sup>W</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> ACHIEVEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> LM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BSM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACM <input type="checkbox"/> OAK LEAF CLUSTER <input type="checkbox"/> DFC <input type="checkbox"/> AM <sup>W</sup> <input type="checkbox"/> AWD OF AIR MEDAL			
14. PREVIOUS US AWARDS (Purple Heart and higher):			
DECORATION	DATE(S) OF ACTION/SERVICE	AUTHORITY	
	N/A		
15. OTHERS RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR THE SAME ACTION (NAME & AWARD):			
N/A			
16. NAMES OF EYEWITNESSES:			
N/A			

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17. NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION:

Captain Ronald L. Scott, D40575, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, attached to Forces Armee' Nationale Khmère (FANK) Training Command, Army Advisory Group, Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion, distinguished himself by exceptionally meritorious service during the period 1 March 1972 through 30 November 1972, while serving in support of United States forces in Vietnam. CPT Scott arrived in Vietnam on 1 March 1972 and was immediately assigned as an instructor with the Mobile Training Team Cambodia located at Dong Ba Thin. He assumed responsibility with his United States counterparts for the training of ethnic Cambodian instructors destined to return to their own country to train soldiers in military skills in their own provinces. In particular, CPT Scott concentrated on teaching the technical handling and tactical employment of the 4.2 inch and 81mm mortars, in addition to general military subjects and methods of instruction. He was employed on these duties until 8 July 1972, and during the period involved, was concerned with the training of over three hundred Cambodian instructors during five separate courses. His duties required long hours of preparation outside normal working periods and included the preparation of training manuals, training aids and film strips for use by Cambodian instructors on their return to their homeland. His wholehearted efforts were given without any regard for his own well being or comfort and earned the admiration and respect of all those with whom he worked. During this same period, CPT Scott took an active part in developing and improving the defense in the north compound of Dong Ba Thin. In addition to the demands of his normal duties, the improvement of defense involved every available daylight hour over a period of five weeks and required the erection of sandbag walls and construction of bunkers, command posts and mortar positions. The success of this large project was directly contributed to by the energy, drive and personal efforts of CPT Scott. Following the graduation of the Methods of Instruction Course Number 5 on 8 July 1972, CPT Scott was appointed Detachment Commander for the newly-formed Training Company A-514. The company comprised United States and New Zealand members of the FANK Training Battalion at Dong Ba Thin. As Training Company Commander, CPT Scott was responsible for the training of Cambodian battalions in infantry tactics and operational techniques from squad level through to advanced battalion tactics. He was also responsible for supervising and offering guidance to his Cambodian counterparts in matters affecting administration, health, welfare and morale within their battalions. His success can be attributed to high personal standards of professional conduct and example. His firm, fair and consistent leadership, combined with a maturity beyond his years, has earned the respect of all United States, New Zealand, Cambodian and Vietnamese personnel with whom he has operated throughout his tour of duty. CPT Scott's performance of duty was in keeping with the highest traditions of the New Zealand Army and reflects great credit upon himself and the military service.

<p>18. INCLOSURES:</p> <p>1. Proposed Citation 2. BIO Sketch</p>	<p>19. NAME/RANK/POSITION OF ORIGINATOR:</p> <p>JOHN V. HEMLER JR. Colonel, FA Commanding</p>	<p>20. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p> <p><i>John V. Hemler Jr.</i> 5 Nov 72</p>
<p>21. RECOMMENDATION OF THRU COMMAND:</p> <p>( ) APPROVAL ( ) DISAPPROVAL ( ) OTHER</p>	<p>22. NAME/RANK/POSITION:</p>	<p>23. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p>

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