

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECORATION FOR VALOR OR MERIT  
(MAY Directive 672-1)

THRU: Commanding Officer FANK TC AAG APO SF 96227		TO: Chief, AAG ATTN: AAG-AD APO SF 96222		FROM: Commanding Officer FANK TC AAG DBTB APO SF 96240	
1. NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE INITIAL): WHAREWERA, JAKE H.		2. SSAN: Gh0693		3. GRADE / BRANCH / CODE: SGT / RNZAC	
5. REPORT DATE: 9		6. DATE: 30 Nov 72		7. POSITIVE AWARDS: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
8. DUTY POSITION TITLE: INSTRUCTOR		9. ORGANIZATION AT TIME OF ACTION: FANK TC AAG DBTB, APO SF 96240		10. DATE(S) OF SERVICE OR ACTION: 1 March 1972 - 30 November 1972	
11. CURRENT UNIT OF ASSIGNMENT: FANK TC AAG DBTB, APO SF 96240		12. PERMANENT MAILING ADDRESS: NZATGV, SAIGON, SOUTH VIETNAM			
13. AWARDS RECOMMENDED:					
<input type="checkbox"/> D3C <input type="checkbox"/> SM <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SERVICE <input type="checkbox"/> S3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> S3 "v" <input type="checkbox"/> ACM "v" <input type="checkbox"/> ACHIEVEMENT <input type="checkbox"/> IM <input type="checkbox"/> SSM <input type="checkbox"/> JSKOM <input type="checkbox"/> OAK LEAF CLUSTER <input type="checkbox"/> DFC <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AM "v" <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ACM <input type="checkbox"/> AWARD OF AIR MEDAL <input type="checkbox"/> EK					
14. PREVIOUS US AWARDS (Provide Heart and Honor):					
DECORATION		DATE (S) OF ACTION/SERVICE		AUTHORITY	
N/A					
15. OTHERS RECOMMENDED FOR AN AWARD FOR THE SAME ACTION (NAME & AWARD):					
N/A					
16. NAME OF HANDWRITERS:					
N/A					

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17. NOMINATOR'S DESCRIPTION:

SERGEANT JAKE H. WHAREMERA, G40693, Royal New Zealand Armoured Corps, attached to the Forces Armees' Nationales Khmeres (FANK) Training Command, Army Advisory Group, Dong Ba Thin Training Battalion, distinguished himself by meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period March 1972 through November 1972 while serving as a weapons instructor. SGT WHAREMERA was assigned as an instructor with the Weapons Committee. His varied background and experience made him a very flexible instructor, who could undertake all subjects covered by the Weapons Committee. SGT WHAREMERA's intense desire to excel and his contagious high standard of performance quickly won him the respect of his superiors and also of the Cambodian troops. He spent long hours on instruction in extremes of heat with tremendous cheerfulness, thus infecting the troops with a similar response. SGT WHAREMERA gave up much of his own time in devising new ways of increasing interest in the subjects he taught, and by building apparatus which greatly contributed to the assimilation of knowledge by the troops. He developed, in conjunction with another instructor, a method of shortening the shoulder stock of the .30 Cal. Machine Gun. This modification was so successful in improving the standards of firing and handling of the weapon by the Cambodians, that it was adopted as a standard modification for all FANK training sites. SGT WHAREMERA is a dedicated and well motivated Noncommissioned Officer, who displays fairness, firmness and friendliness in his work. SGT WHAREMERA's outstanding duty performance is 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>Proposed Citation</p>	<p>19. NAME/RANK/POSITION OF ORIGINATOR:</p> <p>ROBERT E. DOWNEN LTC, Infantry Commanding</p>	<p>20. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p> <p><i>Robert E Downen</i> 20 OCT 1972</p>
<p>21. RECOMMENDATION OF THIS COMMAND:</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> DISAPPROVAL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER</p>	<p>22. NAME/RANK/POSITION:</p> <p>JOHN V. HEMLER JR. Colonel, FA Commanding</p>	<p>23. SIGNATURE AND DATE:</p> <p><i>John V. Hemler Jr.</i> 5 NOV 72</p>

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