



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

TO ALL WHO SHALL SEE THESE PRESENTS, GREETING:

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AUTHORIZED BY EXECUTIVE ORDER, 24 AUGUST 1962
HAS AWARDED

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

TO

LIEUTENANT COLONEL VALENTINE B. BROWN, F30250, NEW ZEALAND ARMY


FOR

MERITORIOUS ACHIEVEMENT
IN GROUND OPERATIONS AGAINST HOSTILE FORCES

IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM FROM AUGUST 1970 TO DECEMBER 1972

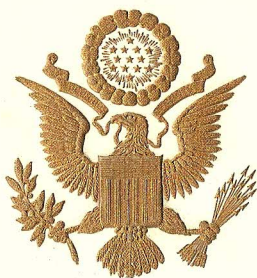
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND IN THE CITY OF WASHINGTON

THIS 13th DAY OF DECEMBER 1972


FRED C. WEVAND
General, United States Army




ROBERT J. FROEHLE
SECRETARY OF THE ARMY



CITATION

By direction of the President

THE BRONZE STAR MEDAL

is presented to

LIEUTENANT COLONEL VALENTINE B. BROWN

New Zealand Army

For distinguishing himself by exceptionally meritorious service in connection with military operations against a hostile force during the period August 1970 to December 1972 while serving as Commander, New Zealand Forces, Vietnam and Commander, New Zealand Army Training Group, Vietnam. In his capacity as Commander, New Zealand Forces, Colonel BROWN demonstrated extraordinary leadership and operational skill in his command and management of both combat units and training teams. His broad professional knowledge and keen insight into the requirements of units serving in an operational or training role greatly enhanced the overall war effort. In addition to his duties as Commander of New Zealand Forces in Vietnam, Colonel BROWN acted as military advisor to the New Zealand Ambassador and, although not officially accredited, acted as New Zealand Military Attache. While carrying out these tasks Colonel BROWN was required, as the senior New Zealand Armed Forces Officer in Vietnam, to coordinate with the highest levels of command in all services and all Free World Forces. Through his exceptional leadership ability, unfailing devotion to duty and high regard for other Free World Military Assistance Forces, Colonel BROWN advanced the effectiveness of combined military operations and civic action programs in Vietnam. His dedication, distinguished service, and outstanding performance of duty have greatly contributed to the accomplishment of the Free World Military Assistance Forces mission. Lieutenant Colonel BROWN'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.