

Trent citation for Vietnam heroism

“DEPARTMENT OF THE
ARMY
HEADQUARTERS 1ST
INFANTRY DIVISION
APO SAN FRANCISCO
7 October 1968
AWARD OF THE ARMY
C O M M E N D A T I O N
MEDAL

The following AWARD is
announced:

Trent, Richard D
SERGEANT E5
United States Army
Company A 1st Battalion 2d
Infantry

Awarded:
Army Commendation Medal
with “V” device

Date of action:
26 August 1968

Theater:
Republic of Vietnam
Reason:

For heroism in connection
with military operations
against a hostile force in the
Republic of Vietnam: On this
date, Sergeant Trent was
serving as a squad leader with
his company during a battalion-
minus reconnaissance in
force operation on which his
unit was acting as the lead
element. The friendly forces
were proceeding through an
area near Loc Ninh when
they were suddenly subjected
to intense rocket and auto-
matic weapons fire by North
Vietnamese entrenched in
bunkers. With complete dis-

regard for his personal safety,
Sergeant Trent exposed him-
self to the hail of hostile
rounds as he led his squad in
an assault on the enemy posi-
tions. He continued to brave
the insurgents’ fire while
assisting in the treatment and
evacuation of the wounded.
The courageous initiative and
leadership of Sergeant Trent
significantly contributed to
the successful outcome of the
encounter. Sergeant Trent’s
actions are in keeping with
the finest traditions of the
military service and reflect
great credit upon himself, the
1st Infantry Division, and the
United States Army.”