

BY DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
THE ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL

IS AWARDED TO

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS E7 RICHARD D. ROSS, RA13621148
UNITED STATES ARMY

For meritorious achievement in the Republic of Vietnam. Sergeant First Class Ross distinguished himself during the period 7 February 1968 to 12 February 1968 while serving as the personnel staff NCO of the 1st Battalion, 6th Infantry. During that period, the battalion was heavily engaged with a reinforced battalion of North Vietnamese Regulars just south of the military complex at Da Nang. In the bitter fighting, many casualties were sustained, and the battalion adjutant was ordered to the scene to aid in the tactical maneuvers. Sergeant Ross functioned brilliantly as deputy adjutant during this period, and he dispatched the majority of his office staff to the scene to administer casualty reports and act as forward liaison. With the aid of only one man, Sergeant Ross maintained the regular functions of the S-1, ensured that a system of accurate casualty reporting was maintained, and initiated letters of sympathy on all deceased personnel. Sergeant Ross's outstanding efforts and professional skills reduced the administrative problems to a minimum, and through his initiative and resourcefulness, the battalion's administrative support matched its combat effort. Sergeant First Class Ross's outstanding achievements and devotion to duty are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, the Americal Division, and the United States Army.