

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 automatic weapons fire by North Vietnamese entrenched in bunkers. With complete dis-

regard for his personal safety, Sergeant Trent exposed himself to the hail of hostile rounds as he led his squad in an assault on the enemy positions. 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.”