United States Air Medal Donal Richard Kenning

31351. Major Royal NZ Artillery 161 Battery

Date of Award: 12 April 1966

CITATION

For distinguishing himself by meritorious achievement while participating in sustained aerial flight in support of combat ground forces of the Republic of Vietnam during the period

14 September 1965 to 28 November 1965

During this time he actively participated in more than twenty-five aerial missions over hostile territory in support of counter-insurgency operations. During all these missions he displayed the highest order of air discipline and acted in accordance with the best traditions of the service.

By his determination to accomplish his mission in spite of the hazards inherent in repeated aerial flights over hostile territory and by his outstanding degree of professionalism and devotion to duty, he has brought credit upon himself, his organization, and the military service