

United States Bronze Star with V Device

Brian David Chippindale

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Royal NZ Armoured Corps
Attached 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry (US
Army)

Date of Award: 2 May 1968

CITATION

By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device is awarded to: Captain Brian David Chippindale for heroism on 19 April 1968, while serving as allied observer, 1st Squadron 4th Cavalry.

On this date, Captain Chippindale, was attached to Bravo Troop, which was on a reconnaissance in force operation, came under an extremely heavy volume of small arms, automatic weapons, and RPG fire from a numerically superior and well entrenched NVA force.

When the Bravo 66 track commander was killed, Captain Chippindale, who was observing from that track, immediately began returning suppressive fire. Captain Chippindale remained exposed to a hail of enemy fire, without regard for his personal safety, in order to keep up a devastating and continuous volume of fire.

His courageous retaliation by fire resulted in 7 confirmed NVA killed. His immediate and unhesitating action undoubtedly kept the command vehicle from taking more casualties and contributed greatly to the successful routing of the NVA forces.

Captain Chippindale's extremely courageous performance, professional skill, and tactical proficiency during the battle of 19 April 1968, reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, the military profession, and is in the highest traditions of the Armies of New Zealand and the United States Of America

Note: APPROVED for acceptance and wear.