DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS

The President of the United States of America, Authorized by act of Congress, 9 July 1918 has awarded the Distinguished Service Cross to

> TIMOTHY J. GROGAN (0-98734), Captain (Armor) UNITED STATES ARMY

Citation:

The President of the United States takes pleasure in presenting the Distinguished Service Cross to, for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam, while serving with Company B, 1st Battalion, 69th Armor, 4th Infantry Division. Captain Grogan distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 5 and 6 May 1968 as the commander of an armor/infantry task force during a fierce battle with a North Vietnamese regiment near An Bao. Throughout four major contacts in a sixteen-hour period, Captain Grogan repeatedly exposed himself to heavy enemy fire by leaving the relative security of his tank to personally direct the fire of ground units and to supervise the evacuation of wounded personnel. His masterful coordination and direction of tanks, personnel carriers, artillery, and air support subdued the enemy on all four occasions and inflicted heavy casualties upon the insurgents. When his troops became depressed and weary from the constant combat, he moved through a hail of heavy mortar and rocket fire to each of their positions and encouraged them to continue fighting. His physical presence and courageous actions inspired his men to rally and place such a heavy volume of fire on the insurgents that they completely decimated the enemy forces. Captain Grogan's extraordinary heroism and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army. Headquarters, US Army, Vietnam, General Orders No. 3663 (July 30, 1968)