Text of Citation for award of Mentioned-in-Despatches to Corporal Mark A. G. Rose

Corporal Mark Rose enlisted in the Regular Army Supplement on 17 July 1967 and was allotted to the Royal Australian Infantry. He was posted to 9th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment on 2nd February 1968 and arrived in Vietnam on 20th November 1963.

On 26th October, 1969, Corporal Rose was commanding the forward section of 2 Platoon, A Company when it encountered enemy in bunkers. In the initial fire-fight the forward scout was killed and, shortly afterwards, the machine gunner was wounded. By use of fire and movement, Corporal Rose extricated the machine gunner to a less exposed position.

Corporal Rose then tried to recover the machine gun. He failed twice because of the accuracy and intensity of the enemy fire. On his third attempt, he reached the machine gun and stayed there less than 10 metres from the enemy position, giving accurate covering fire whilst the body of the scout was recovered. Only after the casualties had been evacuated and his section had withdrawn from the immediate area of the contact, did Corporal Rose withdraw, bringing the machine gun with him. All this time he had been subjected to intense fire in a location where his section had already sustained two casualties.

His leadership and personal bravery on this and other occasions have always been outstanding and reflect the latest credit on himself and the Australian Army.