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The QUEEN has been graciously pleased on the advice of Her Majesty's Australian Ministers to approve the undermentioned awards in recognition of gallant conduct in Vietnam:

Distinguished Service Order

Lieutenant-Colonel Ivan Rupert Wilson BRUMFIELD (2507) Australian Staff Corps, Royal Australian Infantry.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brumfield commanded the 1st Battalion The Royal Australian Regiment during its first six months in Vietnam. During this period the Battalion has established and developed a secure battalion defensive position as a sector of the close defence of the Bien Hoa airbase, cleared the enemy from an allotted patrol zone of six square miles immediately adjacent to the Viet Cong War Zone D and by a strong, well planned and aggressive patrol programme, dominated this vital area to such a degree that the enemy has been completely unsuccessful in achieving any penetration or launching any attacks through the Battalion area of responsibility.

The Battalion has planned and executed with outstanding success five battalion sized offensive operations northward into the Communist War Zone D and to the East of Bien Hoa. In addition the Battalion Group has participated in four brigade or larger sized offensive operations into War Zone D and the enemy strongholds in the Ben Cat and Iron Triangle Areas.

Seven of these nine major operations have included full scale battalion heliborne assaults deep into enemy territory. Throughout these operations, fought under Lieutenant-Colonel Brumfield's command, the 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment has achieved continued and marked successes in the face of a highly proficient and fanatical enemy and severe conditions of terrain and weather.

Lieutenant-Colonel Brumfield by tireless personal example set the very highest standards of courage, determination and professional fighting efficiency. His outstanding skill and success as a battalion commander, particularly in action against the enemy, has been an inspiration to his battalion and to the allied formations with which it has fought. It reflects great credit on himself and on the Australian Military Forces and has provided a major contribution to the turning of the tide against the Communist forces in the Republic of Vietnam.

Military Cross

Lieutenant (temporary Captain) Robert Keith HILL (51407) Australian Staff Corps, Royal Australian Armoured Corps.

Captain Hill has commanded 1st Armoured Personnel Carrier Troop of the Prince of Wales's

Light Horse since the arrival of the unit in South Vietnam in June 1965.

In addition to supporting 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment, to which the Troop is attached, Captain Hill's unit has participated in a number of operations under command of the American D16 Armour of 173 Airborne Brigade (Separate). It was during one of these joint operations, on the night of 28th June 1965, that Captain Hill distinguished himself in a display of conspicuous gallantry.

While in a defensive position at the abandoned hamlet of Phouc Loc in War Zone D, an attempt to infiltrate Captain Hill's Troop perimeter was made at about 2200 hours. Captain Hill rushed to the point of contact and assisted in repulsing the Viet Cong by throwing hand grenades. During this action, he repeatedly exposed himself to fire and was wounded in the right side. Although in great pain, he refused to be evacuated and continued to direct the efforts of his men during the action and for the remainder of the night. He was finally evacuated at approximately 0900 hours the next morning.

His bravery inspired those around him and was singularly instrumental in preventing the enemy from penetrating the tenuous position. Captain Hill's actions on the night of 28th June 1965 are indicative of the service he has rendered since coming to South Vietnam and reflect great credit upon himself and the military service.

Military Medal

2411585 Sergeant Dennis George SAVILLE, Royal Australian Infantry.

During October 1965, on an operation in the Ben Cat area of South Vietnam, Sergeant Saville commanded 7 Platoon C Company of the 1st Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment.

On the night of 8th October 1965, 7 Platoon was occupying a defensive harbour position when at approximately 2030 hours a group of enemy attempted to infiltrate the area. During the initial engagement three enemy were killed and although there were more enemy in close proximity Sergeant Saville with a party of four soldiers moved forward and recovered the bodies.

The Platoon was subjected to two further grenade attacks during the night and Sergeant Saville moved constantly amongst his platoon, commanding and controlling the sections and instilling confidence in his soldiers.

By his personal courage, leadership and command ability Sergeant Saville was an inspiration and example to his Platoon.

Military Medal

54328 Corporal (temporary Sergeant) Colin FAWCETT, Royal Australian Infantry.

Sergeant Fawcett has been Platoon Sergeant of 3 Platoon A Company of the 1st Battalion, The Royal