

times causes him to be held in very high regard by all ranks.

On the morning of 26th November 1965, the Battalion was engaged in Operation "NEW LIFE" in BINH TUY Province. Sergeant SMITH was travelling in the leading armoured personnel carrier of a force which was moving to the enemy defended village of VO XU. As the armoured column approached the gates of the village, the enemy opened fire with machine guns and other small arms. Although the major part of the enemy fire was directed at the leading carrier, Sergeant SMITH, with complete disregard for his own safety, moved on foot to the gates, opened them and checked for surface mines and booby traps. With the gates open, and the armoured personnel carriers moving through, the Viet Cong were un-nerved and some of them withdrew, failing to detonate two high explosive booby traps which would have caused severe damage to the carrier. On this occasion, his quick thinking enabled the Australian Force to occupy VO XU quickly and effectively without dangerous delays and much heavier casualties.

214633 Private Lyndon WARING, Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

Private WARING joined the Australian Regular Army in March 1962 and served in MALAYA with The Royal Australian Regiment from February 1963 to October 1964. He accompanied First Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment to VIETNAM in June 1965.

During operations in the BEN CAT—IRON TRIANGLE area on 12th October 1965, his platoon was given the task of clearing an area known to contain an enemy machine gun which had shot at and damaged five helicopters. During this search Private WARING, who was forward scout, followed a trail leading into a Viet Cong camp encircled by trenches and bunkers. From the huts in the centre of the camp he could hear voices, and, followed by his second scout, he carefully made his way to the centre of the camp where he opened fire on and killed a Viet Cong who was armed with a machine gun. His section had closed up behind him by this time, and also engaged the Viet Cong who, completely surprised fled leaving two officers dead and a machine gun and an automatic rifle. Signs indicated that three others who escaped were seriously wounded.

By an outstanding display of calmness, courage and initiative, Private WARING enabled his section to surprise the Viet Cong completely, to inflict a number of important casualties on the enemy and enabled the Brigade operation to proceed with NO further interference to the helicopters from this area.

215584 Private Raymond Stanley FRASER, Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

Private FRASER accompanied First Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment to VIETNAM in June 1965, as a member of B Company.

During operations in the BEN CAT area on 22nd September 1965, his section was ordered to clear an area containing an enemy sniper, section size groups of Viet Cong were also active in the area. As his section completed one phase of the search, Private FRASER and another soldier took up fire positions to cover the next move. As they reached their positions, a sniper shot Private FRASER in the leg, inflicting a serious wound. Private FRASER informed his section commander of the sniper's location and, despite his injury and exposed position, provided covering fire to cover his section's deployment to deal with the sniper, refusing aid until the action had been completed.

By his presence of mind and courage, he inspired his section, prevented further casualties and ensured the success of the action.

*Mention-in-Despatches*

- Captain Michael John CARROLL (235204), Australian Staff Corps.
- 42774, Corporal Reginald Hedley HILLIER, Royal Australian Infantry Corps (Posthumous).
- 213643, Corporal Robert EVANS, Royal Australian Infantry Corps.
- 2412014, Corporal Terence Bruce LOFTUS, Royal Australian Infantry Corps.
- 215253, Private Robert William BAILEY, Royal Australian Infantry Corps.
- 215430, Private James Patrick DALY, Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

1200116, Private David Bruce VOGEL, Royal Australian Infantry Corps.

The QUEEN has been graciously pleased to give orders for the publication of the name shown below as having received an expression of Commendation for brave Conduct:—

23965393 Private George William MUNRO, The Parachute Regiment.

On 19th June 1966, a serious accident involving two civilian vehicles, a taxi and an estate car, occurred on the Brunei-Seria road. The vehicles collided at a bend in the road, and the estate car, carrying nine passengers burst into flames, the driver of the taxi being trapped in his driving seat.

Private Munro was a passenger in a military vehicle which reached the crash shortly after it happened, on the orders of Corporal Grieve he immediately assisted the evacuation of those injured passengers thrown clear of the burning car. He organised bystanders to administer first aid, whilst he helped Corporal Grieve to rescue the trapped taxi driver.

Private Munro displayed courage, initiative and a disregard for his own safety which resulted in the taxi driver being saved from almost certain death.

30th September 1966.

COMMANDS AND STAFF

REGULAR ARMY

- Brig. J. A. RUNDALL, O.B.E., M.C. (62526) late R.A., retires on retired pay, 30th Sept. 1966.
- Col. R. A. PONT, D.S.O. (165454) late R.A., retires on retired pay, 29th Sept. 1966.
- Col. D. H. DAVIES, M.C. (77603) late R.A.C., to be Brig., 7th July 1966.
- Col. J. W. C. SPILLER (78342) late R.A.S.C., to be Brig., 9th Aug. 1966.

HOUSEHOLD CAVALRY

R.H.G.

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. T. C. MORRIS (428997) from Q.D.G. to be Capt., 1st Oct. 1966, with seniority 23rd May 1961.

ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

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REGULAR ARMY

Capt. M. J. MOORE, M.B.E. (445923) retires receiving a gratuity, 11th Sept. 1966.

R.A.C.

REGULAR ARMY

Capt. (Hon. Maj.) E. S. ATHERTON (69806) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 29th Sept. 1966, retaining the hon. rank of Maj.

*Short Serv. Commn.*

Lt. R. M. CHESTER (477248) to be Capt., 30th Sept. 1966.

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TERRITORIAL ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Maj. G. L. CULLINGTON, T.D. (99092) having attained the age limit, ceases to belong to the T.A. Res. of Offrs., 29th Sept. 1966, retaining the rank of Maj.

L.Y.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Lt. (Actg. Capt.) I. S. M. MACCORMICK (458574) to be Capt., 28th Sept. 1966, with seniority 25th Mar. 1965.

ROYAL REGIMENT OF ARTILLERY

REGULAR ARMY

Lt.-Col. J. A. WOOLMER (194992) to be Supernumerary to Establishment, 1st Oct. 1966.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

Maj. P. G. POLLETT, T.D. (385282) from Unatt'd List to be Maj., 1st Aug. 1966, with seniority 1st Nov. 1961.

2nd Lt. A. C. GREENWOOD (477545) (on probation) is confirmed in his appt. as 2nd Lt., 30th Sept. 1964. To be Lt., 30th Sept. 1966, with seniority 30th Sept. 1965.