



NATIONAL SERVICE IN AUSTRALIA

A BRIEF HISTORY Allen Callaghan

Between 1951 and 1972, a total of 287,000 young Australian men were called up in two separate schemes for compulsory training in the Navy, Army and Air Force. Of them, 212 died on active service in Borneo and Vietnam. National Service was part of Australia's defence preparedness for three decades.

THE BACKGROUND

National Service was a product of the post-World War Two global and regional conflicts facing Australia. These began with the Berlin blockade by the Soviet Union in 1948; the first Arab-Israeli war the same year; Communist insurgencies in Malaya and Vietnam; Communist North Korea's invasion of South Korea in 1950, the Suez Canal crisis of 1956, confrontation with Indonesia in Borneo in 1963 and the Vietnam War. The threat of nuclear war hung over the entire world.

The outbreak of the Korean war in 1950, coupled with the Malayan Emergency and the Viet Minh uprising against the French in Vietnam, appeared to threaten Australia directly. Recruiting for the regular Armed Services proving insufficient, the Menzies Government re-introduced conscription which had ended in 1945. The legislation had bi-partisan political support.

National Service was in the Australian tradition since Federation in 1901 of volunteer forces for overseas service backed up by a pool of basically trained men in the Naval Reserve, the Citizens Military Forces and the Citizens Air Force. In the **first scheme** from 1951 to 1959, National Servicemen could nominate a Service preference but in practice most were allocated to units near their homes. The Navy and Air Force gave preference to family of former personnel or members of Cadet units. Overseas service was automatic in the Navy and Air Force.

A major change for the Army was that National Servicemen were given the option, at call-up, to volunteer for service anywhere overseas if war occurred. Most Nashos volunteered. Further Corps training would have been needed. World War Two militia had been restricted to Australia and territories in the south-west Pacific. The Korean armistice was signed in 1953 and no new direct threats developed during that decade, so the basic role of National Servicemen was as reservists.

The **second scheme** from 1965 to 1972 for the Borneo and Vietnam wars involved two years full-

time service integrated into expanded regular Army units, with overseas deployment where required.

THE FIRST SCHEME 1951-59

In the first National Service scheme between 1951 and 1959, all young men aged 18 were called up for training in the Navy, Army and Air Force. A total of 227,000 served in 52 intakes.

Navy A total of 6,862 National Servicemen did their training in intakes named after Australian pioneers or explorers at HMAS *Penguin* in Sydney, HMAS *Cerberus* at Flinders Naval Depot on Westernport Bay in Victoria, HMAS *Lonsdale* in Melbourne and HMAS *Leeuwin* near Perth. Sea service was done on ships of the Fleet.

The **Army** was allocated the largest proportion of men – about 198,000 - and formed ten National Service Training Battalions. The locations of the Battalions were: **Queensland**, 11 Battalion at Wacol; **New South Wales**, 12 Battalion at Singleton and Holsworthy, 13 Battalion at Ingleburn and 19 Battalion at Old Holsworthy and Holsworthy; **Victoria**, 14, 15 and 20 Battalions at Puckapunyal and Watsonia; **South Australia**, 16 Battalion at Woodside; **Western Australia**, 17 Battalion at Swanbourne; **Tasmania**, 18 Battalion at Brighton.

The 11th Battalion, with 1500 trainees at its peak, was the largest. It served Queensland and Papua New Guinea. Trainees from the northern rivers of New South Wales from Tweed Heads to Newcastle and the New England tableland were sent north to Wacol or south to Singleton and Sydney as required. Some National Servicemen from Canberra, Queanbeyan, Yass, Goulburn and other southern NSW centres trained at Puckapunyal in Victoria. Northern Territory and Broken Hill National Servicemen trained at Woodside in South Australia.

Air Force About 23,500 National Servicemen undertook their training in National Service Training Units and were allocated to Flights, corresponding to platoons, at the major air bases and depots throughout Australia including Garbutt in Townsville; Toowoomba and Oakey on the Darling Downs; Amberley and Archerfield in Brisbane; Schofield Richmond, Rathmines, Williamstown,

Bankstown, Forest Hill and Uranquinty near Wagga Wagga in New South Wales; Fairbairn in Canberra; Point Cook, Laverton, Frognall, Tottenham, Ballarat and East Sale in Victoria; Mallala near Adelaide and Pearce and Merredin near Perth. Trainees from South Australia and Tasmania also went to Laverton.

National Service Instructors were drawn from all three Services and most had World War Two, Korean, Borneo or Vietnam combat experience. National Servicemen in both schemes received the standard basic training for all new recruits. In certain cases, equivalent training was recognised as National Service

SERVICE NUMBERS

Navy National Service numbers were followed by **NS** (i.e. **4382NS**) in sequence from the first intake. An **A** preceded **Air Force** numbers. In **Army** and **Air Force** numbers, the first digit (i.e. **2/771128** or **A111409**) usually indicated the State in which the trainee was called up: 1 Queensland, 2 New South Wales, 3 Victoria, 4 South Australia, 5 Western Australia, 6 Tasmania and 1 (later 8) Papua New Guinea.. Some first scheme trainees from southern New South Wales had 3 prefixes and during the Vietnam-era some trainees were assigned numbers from other States. In **Army** numbers the second digit was always a **7**. First scheme Army numbers had an oblique, Vietnam-era numbers did not.

TRAINING PERIOD

Under the *National Service Act 1951*, all young men turning 18 on or after 1 November 1950 were required to undertake 176 days standard recruit training in the Navy, Army and Air Force, followed by five years in their respective Reserves. The first call-up notices were issued on 12 April 1951 and the first National Servicemen, for the RAAF, marched in during July. .

The **Navy** required its National Servicemen for 124 days continuous training and then thirteen days training each year for four years in the Naval Reserve. **Army** trainees initially were required to serve 98 days continuous basic training followed by 78 days training in the Citizen Military Force over three years. Army Nashos without a unit near their home, if required, returned to the nearest base to complete their obligation. The **Air Force** required its trainees for a continuous 176 days.

Australians resident in Papua-New Guinea could fulfil their obligation in Australia or by six year's service in the Papua-New Guinea Volunteer Rifles. In 1955 the Navy and Air Force reduced training to 154 days and discontinued National Service in 1957. In 1957, the Army reduced initial training to 77 days and part time service in the CMF to 63 days over two years. It also reduced the call-up through a birthday

ballot from the second intake of 1957. The last intake of the first scheme was in August, 1959.

The Australian Government decided on 24 November 1959 to discontinue National Service and on 30 June 1960 all National Servicemen were declared to have honourably discharged their obligation.

Those in the first scheme did not see active service, except for those who enlisted and fought in Malaya, Korea, Borneo and Vietnam. National Servicemen were on Naval ships that visited Korean waters during hostilities. They also were at the atomic bomb tests in 1952 at Monte Bello Islands in Western Australia and in 1956 at Maralinga in South Australia. RAAF National Servicemen worked on aircraft that had flown through atomic clouds. National Servicemen were placed on alert as part of a wider standby for active service during the Suez Canal crisis in 1956 but the crisis passed.

THE SECOND SCHEME 1965-72

With the outbreak of Confrontation with Indonesia between 1962 and 1966 and the Vietnam War, recruiting again was insufficient and the Government introduced the *National Service Act 1964*.

In the second scheme, men aged 20 were selected by a birthday ballot for the Army. The Navy and Air Force did not use National Service for Vietnam. An alternative allowed those liable to conscription to elect, a year before the ballot, to fulfil their National Service obligation by six years service in the CMF. Some 35,000 did so until this option was abolished.

Between 30 June 1965 and 7 December 1972, a total of 63,735 were called up for two years fulltime service integrated into regular Army units. This was reduced to 18 months in 1971.

After twelve weeks initial training at 1 Recruit Training Battalion at Kapooka, NSW; 3 R.T.B. at Singleton, N.S.W.; or 2 R.T.B. at Puckapunyal, Victoria; National Servicemen were assigned to the many different Corps. Most National Servicemen were allotted to the Infantry, enabling the Army to increase the Royal Australian Regiment to nine Battalions.

Of them, 150 served in Borneo in 4RAR and 21 and 22 Constructions Squadrons. Another 15,381 served in Vietnam. The remainder served in support units in Australia, Malaysia and Papua-New Guinea

About 1500 were selected for officer training at Scheyville in Sydney and were commissioned as second lieutenants. Another 600 who were teachers were promoted to sergeant and posted to Papua-New Guinea for 12 months to educate soldiers of the Pacific Islands Regiment at Port Moresby, Goldie

River, Lae and Wewak. National Servicemen also served in PNG in Signals, Ordnance, RAEME, Small Ships, Surveying and other units.

During Confrontation with Indonesia between 1962 and 1966, the Government committed 3 and then 4 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, plus support units to Borneo All Battalions were rotated through Vietnam between 1966 and 1971. Most units gave National Servicemen the choice of active service and most volunteered. Of them, two died in Borneo and 210 in Vietnam. They included those who enlisted on or during call-up or re-enlisted and voluntary National Servicemen.

The McMahon Government withdrew Australian units from Vietnam in 1971. In 1972, the Whitlam Government, using the expedient of '*exceptional hardship*', discharged National Servicemen from the Army and passed the *National Service Termination Act* in 1973. The *Defence Legislation Amendment Act of 1992* repealed the *National Service Act 1951* but the then Labor Government retained conscription in a time of war with prior Parliamentary approval.

NATIONAL SERVICE IN REVIEW

Australia has had compulsory training in the Citizens Military Forces at various times between 1910 and 1945. The 1951 and 1964 *National Service Acts* revived this with National Servicemen, after their full time service, completing their obligation in their respective Reserves.

In 1974 the CMF was reorganised as the Army Reserve. The Citizens Air Force was absorbed into the Air Force Reserve. The Naval Reserve remained virtually unchanged. In 2001 the Defence Act was amended so that Reservists could be called up for overseas service.

Despite the compulsion, National Servicemen of both schemes did their training, active and reserve duties well and honourably and most regarded it as a rewarding part of their lives. They served overseas in Borneo, Vietnam, Malaysia and Papua-New Guinea.

In 2001, the Australian Government recognised the contribution of National Servicemen to Australia's defence preparedness with the award of the *Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972 Medal*. The bronze medal is of double-sided design with the recipient's service number and name engraved on the rim. The front depicts the tri-service badge surmounted by the Federation star and the words '*Anniversary of National Service 1951-1972*' and the other side the Southern Cross on a field of radiating lines inside a cog wheel representing the integral role of the armed services in the Australian community. Both sides are surmounted by the Crown. The ribbon uses the colours of the three Services during the

National Service era - Navy white, Army jungle green and RAAF light blue - and Australia's then national colours of blue and gold. The ochre strip represents the land. In 2006, National Servicemen, along with all other servicemen and women, were awarded the *Australian Defence Medal*.

Because National Service was drawn from the entire community, many National Servicemen from both schemes later rose to high positions in politics, business, the professions and the community. They include Governors-General Bill Hayden and Dr. Peter Hollingworth; three Tasmanian Governors – Sir Guy Green, William Cox and Peter Underwood; deputy Prime Minister Tim Fischer and Federal Minister Wilson Tuckey; Victorian Premier Jeff Kennett; Queensland deputy Premier, Sir Llew Edwards; Queensland Chief Justice Paul De Jersey; Major-General Rod Fay, businessmen Lindsay Fox and Sir James Hardy; television personalities Clive James and Graham Kennedy; entertainer Normie Rowe, tennis player Lew Hoad, cricketer Doug Walters and car racing legends Peter Brock and Dick Johnson. There were Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Pacific Islander National Servicemen.

However, the domestic divisions over the Vietnam War saw National Servicemen, particularly those who had active service, in the invidious position of not only being conscripted by a selective ballot but also subjected to public derision by some of the Australian public. This has made both sides of politics reluctant to consider National Service to supplement chronic shortfalls in voluntary recruiting.

All National Servicemen are ex-servicemen. They march on Anzac Day, Remembrance Day, National Service Day, Vietnam Veterans' Day and Reserve Forces Day in their own right. No women were called up for National Service. National Servicemen marched as a contingent in the Army's Centenary Parade in Canberra in 2001. They wear a wide variety of Service and Corps badges on their hats, caps and berets and many are members of Unit associations in all three Services.

The late Barry Vicary founded the National Servicemen's Association of Australia in Toowoomba, Queensland, on 28 November 1987 to seek a better deal for Vietnam-era National Servicemen and a medal recognising National Service. When Barry learnt of the earlier and larger National Service scheme he immediately widened the organisation to include them. The Association now has branches Australia-wide and is the second-largest ex-service organisation after the RSL.

National Servicemen added a new word to the Australian language – Nasho. National Service Day, 14 February, marks the day the last Nasho completed his Army obligation © Allen Callaghan August 2008



THE NATIONAL SERVICE HONOUR ROLL

BORNEO



5713692 Mills Geoffrey F, of Applecross, Western Australia, was with 22 Construction Squadron in Sabah, Borneo, when he was killed when the truck in which he was travelling overturned on 9 August 1966.

ENLISTED UPON CALL-UP



3787083 Bridgland Reginald N, of East Bentleigh, Melbourne, was called up in 1965 and assigned to 22 Construction Squadron in Borneo. He enlisted and his number became 3411676. He died when the truck in which he was travelling overturned on 31 July 1966.

TOTAL BORNEO

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VIETNAM



2786017 **Abbott** Dal E, 21, was from Ashfield NSW. He went to Vietnam with 1RAR and was killed in action in Bien Hoa Province on 30 May 1968. He is buried at Terendak, Malaysia.



4718946 **Abraham** Dennis E, 22, from Semaphore, South Australia, was working as an electrical fitter when called up in April 1967. He served in Vietnam with 104 Signals Squadron and was killed when the US helicopter in which he was riding was shot down on September 29, 1968 in Long Khanh Province.



4719565 **Abraham** Richard J, 22, from Whyalla, South Australia, had completed an apprenticeship as a professional photographer when he was called up in February 1968. The lance corporal with 9RAR was killed in action in Phuoc Tuy Province on July 6, 1969. His older brother, Brian, also served in Vietnam with the RAN Fleet Air Arm.



2784699 **Allen** Norman G, 21, from Sydney, NSW, was a clerk in the Department of Mines when he was called up in July 1966. A rifleman with 7 RAR, he was killed in action in

Phuoc Tuy Province by a claymore mine explosion on November 10, 1967. He is buried at Terendak, Malaysia.



2784162 **Annesley** Frederick J, 22, from Sydney NSW, was a clerk until he served with 7RAR and then 1RAR. He was killed in action on November 24, 1968 after extending his service by six months.



2788583 **Archer** Gary A, 22, of Sydney NSW, was a boot maker by trade when he was called up in 1969. He died on February 4, 1969 at the US General Hospital in Tokyo of burns received in an accident at Nui Dat. He is buried at Terendak, Malaysia.



2781363 **Arnold** Peter J, 21, of Inverell, NSW, was a shunter with the NSW Railways when he was called up in September 1965. He volunteered to go to Vietnam and as a rifleman private with 6RAR was killed in action at Dat Do on February 17, 1967.



1730888 **Ashton** William J, 22, of Newcastle, NSW, was a salesman when he was called up in the first draft of National Servicemen. Private Ashton, a rifleman with 6RAR, was killed in action by a mine explosion on April 3, 1967 in Phuoc Tuy Province.



2794278 **Attwood** Trevor J, 23, of Sydney, NSW, was an electrician. The rifleman with HQITF was killed in action in Phuoc Tuy Province on 12 June, 1971.



2786313 **Bailey** Errol J, 23, of Kurri Kurri, NSW, was a teacher when he was called up in February 1967. He died at 24 US Evacuation Hospital, Long Binh, of wounds received in Bien Hoa Province on May 13, 1968.



6709107 **Banfield** David J, 21, of Ulverstone, Tasmania, was a farmer when he was called up in May 1968. The assault pioneer private with 5RAR was killed during a fire-fight in a bunker system in Bien Hoa Province on August

21, 1969.



5715206 **Barnett** Stuart J, 21, of Busselton, Western Australia, was a fencing contractor when he was called up in July 1967. The rifleman private with 4RAR was killed in action in Bien Hoa Province on June 27, 1968.



2782555 **Bartholomew** Glen T, 22, of Lismore, NSW, was a sapper with 1 Field Squadron when he died at the Horseshoe, Phuoc Tuy Province on May 10 1967.



5718195 **Beilken** Brian C, 21, of Cottesloe, Western Australia, was a boilermaker when he was called up in January, 1971. The rifleman private with 4RAR was killed in action in Phuoc Tuy Province on 21 September, 1971.



5714453 **Bell** Alec E, 21, of Perth, WA, was a postman when he was called up for National Service on July 13 1966 and then joined the Army. The rifleman private with 7RAR died at 24 US Evacuation Hospital, Long Binh, on 29 January 1968 of wounds received during an enemy contact in Bien Hoa.



5714249 **Bell** Ronald J, 22, of Albany, WA, was a rifleman with 2RAR when he was killed by a Viet Cong mine in Phuoc Tuy Province on November 30, 1967.



2781899 **Birchell** Michael J, 22, of Tamworth, NSW, was a spray painter when he was called up in June 1965. He was with B Coy 6RAR when he was killed in action at Dat Do on 17 February, 1967 while trying to save two wounded comrades during an assault on an enemy position.



1734408 **Black** Trevor R, of Bowen, Queensland, was the son of a Rat of Tobruk. He was a rifleman with 9RAR when he was killed in action during a contact in Long Khanh Province on April 10, 1969.



2782525 **Bracewell** Dennis H, 21, of Epping NSW was a jackeroo and stock and station auctioneer when he was called up in 1965. The forward scout with 6RAR was wounded at Ap My An, Phuoc Tuy Province on March 23, 1967 and died seven days later.



2782812 **Brady** Gregory V, 22, of Goondiwindi, Queensland, was a wool classer when he was called up in 1965 and went to Vietnam as a sapper. with 1 Field Squadron. He was killed accidentally while laying a mine at Phuoc Tuy on May 20, 1967.



2789684 **Bramble** Peter J, 21, of Taree, NSW, was a plant operator when he was called up on May 1, 1968. A sapper with 1 Field Squadron, he died of wounds after being injured in a mine explosion in Phuoc Tuy Province on May 22, 1969.



2785180 **Brett** William J, 21, of Armidale NSW, a special constable, was killed on September 30, 1967 with 2RAR. He died with four other Australians when the Viet Cong ambushed their army vehicle in Dat Do East.



6708915 **Brewer** Kevin F, 22, of Launceston, Tasmania, was called up on 12 July, 1967 and left for Vietnam with the advance party of 4RAR. He died of wounds during Operation Trackduster, a search and destroy mission, on Route 15, near Thai Thien on October 8, 1968.



3787889 **Brooks** Dennis L, 22, from Melbourne, Victoria, was a student when he was called up in February 1966. He was a sapper with 1 Field Squadron when a mine accidentally detonated during the laying of a 'barrier' mine field at the Horseshoe on 22 May 1967. He died of wounds at 24 US Evacuation Hospital, Long Binh, 13 days later.



3794895 **Brown** Allen R, 21, of Bendigo Victoria, was called up in October 1968. The rifleman private with 3 Platoon, A Company, 6RAR, was killed in action at Nui May Tay on December 10, 1969.



3790530 **Brown** Lindsay N, 22, of Bendigo, Victoria, was an apprentice fitter and turner when called up in February 1967. The rifleman private with 3RAR was killed in an enemy attack on Fire Support Base Coral, Bien Hoa, in the early hours of May 26, 1968. The defence of Firebases Coral and Balmoral was the largest Australian action of the Vietnam war.



2794031 **Bullman** John H, 22, of Wellington NSW, was a shearer who went to Vietnam as a rifleman private with 1 Australian Reinforcement Unit. He was wounded when friendly artillery fire fell short and died in 1 Field Hospital, Vung Tau, on 21 July, 1970.



4718097 **Burns** Robert, of Stirling, Scotland, was working as a butcher and driver when called up in April, 1966. He enlisted in August 1967 and went to Vietnam with 4RAR. The lance corporal died of wounds in Phuoc Tuy Province on September 13, 1968.



2786525 **Byrne** Robert A, 22, of Sydney, NSW, was a carriage builder when he was called up in April 1967. The rifleman private with 4RAR was wounded in a mine explosion in Phuoc Tuy on the morning of August 31 1968 and died at the Repatriation General Hospital, Concord, NSW, on February 11, 1969.



2787278 **Campbell** John A, 21, of Leeton, NSW, was called up in July 1967. The private with 3 RAR was killed in action in Bien Hoa Province on August 3, 1968.



5716427 **Cassano** Nicola J, 22, from Italy, was working as a panel beater when he was called up in January 1969. The private with 5RAR was killed in action in Bien Hoa Province on December 7, 1969.



4719003 **Caston** Robert J, 21, of Adelaide, South Australia, was called up in April 1967 and went to Vietnam in December that year with D Company, 3RAR. Private Caston died of wounds at the 24 US Evacuation Hospital at Long Binh on February 4, 1968 after being hit by a sniper's bullet at Long Dien during the Tet offensive.



4721369 **Chapman** Rodney S, 22, of Glenelg, South Australia, was a bookbinder when he was called up in January 1970. The private with 2RAR had completed a unit driver's course when he died of illness at 1 Field Hospital on April 28, 1971.



5713804 **Clark** Donald M, 21, of Northampton, Western Australia, grew up on Meadow Station north of Geraldton. He was called up in September 1965 and served in Vietnam as a private with 5RAR. On February 21, 1967, the armoured personnel carrier in which he was travelling hit a mine at the base of the Long Hai hills and overturned. He was evacuated to Vung Tau but died before he arrived there.



3794556 **Clark** Raymond D, 21, from Scotland, was called up in October 1968. The private with 6RAR was killed during a contact in an enemy bunker system on March 8, 1970



6708750 **Coombs** Geoffrey J, 22, of Smithton, Tasmania, was called up and then volunteered in February 1967. In Vietnam he served with 1 Field Squadron, Royal Australian Engineers as a sapper. He was killed by a land mine in the Long Hai hills, Phuoc Tuy province, on March 22, 1968.



1731426 **Cox** James G, 22, of Rockhampton, Queensland, was a film assistant with the Australian Broadcasting Corporation when he was called up in February, 1966. The private with 7 RAR died in 8 Field Ambulance of wounds received in Phuoc Tuy Province on June 26, 1967.



2787020 **Cox** Raymond J, 22, of Goulburn, NSW, was working as a cotton dogger when he was called up in April 1967. The private with 1RAR was killed in action in Phuoc Tuy Province on December 28, 1968.



5716239 **Crouch** Noel V, 22, of Katanning, Western Australia was a shearer and farm hand when he was called up on October 2, 1968. The private with 7RAR was killed in action in Phuoc Tuy province, May 21, 1970.



2785238 **Cutliffe** Timothy J, 21, of Orange NSW was a station hand and laboratory assistant when he was called up in September 1966. The private with 2RAR died of blast wounds an hour after treading on a mine in Phuoc Tuy province, on August 25, 1967.



2788283 **Davidson** Barry N, 22, of Sydney, NSW, was a plasterer when he was called up in October 1967. In July, 1968, in Vietnam, he volunteered to be a stretcher bearer and later was posted to B Company 3RAR as a rifleman. He died of wounds received during a contact in Long Khanh Province on October 1, 1968.



3788300 **Deed** Ramon J D, 21, of Mildura, Victoria, was a sapper with 1 Field Squadron when he died on May 10, 1967 of wounds received during mine laying operations at the Horseshoe, Phuoc Tuy.



3791033 **Desnoy** John W, 22, of Melbourne, Victoria, was a guillotine operator in the printing industry when he was called up in April 1967. The private with 3RAR was killed in action in Bien Hoa Province on May 26, 1968.



4718756 **De Vries Van Leeuwen** Thomas J, 22, born in Holland, was called up in February 1967. The private with 3RAR was killed in action in Bien Hoa Province on February 18, 1968.



5715633 **Dewar** Keith I, 21, of Collie, WA, was an administration officer with the Postmaster-General's Department when called up in February 1968. Lance Corporal Dewar, of HQIATF, was killed when an APC detonated a mine during a land clearing operation in Phuoc Tuy Province on June 24, 1969.



2792089 **Dickson** Stephen W, 21, of Wallsend, NSW, was killed in a mine explosion in Vietnam in Phuoc Tuy Province on June 6, 1970. He was a member of C Company, 7RAR.



3789770 **Doherty** John A, 23, of Kerang, Victoria, was a boilermaker when called up in September, 1966. The private with 3RAR was dead on arrival at the 93 Us Evacuation Hospital after receiving head wounds during a mortar attack in Bien Hoa Province on 18 February, 1968.



1730929 **Drabble** Glenn A, 21, of Brisbane, Queensland, was a venetian blind erector when called up in the first draft in June 1965. A private with D Company, 6RAR, he was killed at the battle of Long Tan in Phuoc Tuy Province on August 18, 1966.



2794265 **Driscoll** Roger W, 21. Of Coonamble, NSW, worked at the Rural Bank and the Department of Main Roads when called up in January 1970. A private with HQ 1 Task Force, he was one of seven killed in an armoured personnel carrier in Phuoc Tuy Province on June 12, 1971



3799249 **Duff** James, 21, of Tallangatta, Victoria, worked on a dairy farm and at the Mitta Mitta sawmill when called up in July 1970. The private with D Company 4RAR, was the last Australian killed in action in Vietnam during a rocket attack on Nui Dat, Phuoc Tuy, on September 21, 1971.



1735143 **Duffy** Kenneth A, 21, of Brisbane, Queensland, was a painter when he was called up in January 1969. The private with 6RAR was killed in Phuoc Tuy Province on March 8, 1970.



2792150 **Dufty** Milton R, 21, of Kempsey, NSW, worked in a baker's and a grocery shop before being called up in April 1969. The private with 7RAR was killed in action in Phuoc Tuy Province on January 15,

1971.



5716228 **Duncuff** Alan L, 21, of Subiaco, Western Australia, was a coppersmith when called up in October 1968. The sapper with 1 Field Squadron was killed by a mine in Phuoc Tuy Province on October 25,

1969.



1732701 **Evans** Paul, 22, of Fortitude Valley, Brisbane, was a musician when he was called up in February, 1967. The rifleman private with 1RAR was killed in a contact in Bien Hoa Province on June 8, 1968.



3794256 **Evans** Thomas A, 21, of St Albans, Victoria, of HQ 1 Australian Task Force was killed on 25 December, 1969 when his vehicle was forced off the road and hit a land mine.



3786921 **Farren** Leslie T, 20 of Reservoir, Victoria, worked in a bank when he was drafted in the first call up in June, 1965. The rifleman private with D Company, 5 RAR, was killed near the Australian base at Nui Dat,

Phuoc Tuy Province, by a mortar barrage on June 10, 1966.



2787344 **Fisher** David J, 23, from New South Wales, was serving in Vietnam with 3 Special Air Service when with a patrol that engaged a group of Viet Cong in Long Khanh Province on 27 September, 1969. Five VC were shot and killed and the patrol withdrew but encountered a group of about 30 enemy. A helicopter was called in and ropes were lowered to the men but during this "hot extraction", Private Fisher fell about 30m into trees.



4718368 **Fisher** Roger L, 23, of Broken Hill, NSW, was a carpenter and joiner, when called up in July, 1966. The lance corporal rifleman with 3RAR was killed by an enemy mine in Long Binh Province on April 26, 1968.



1731113 **Fraser** John, 23, of Surfers Paradise, Queensland, was called up in 1965 and completed two years' National Service but re-enlisted when he learned his unit was going to Vietnam. The 2nd Lieutenant of

9Platoon, C Company, 3RAR, died on Hill 323 in the Long Hai Hills, Phuoc Tuy, on March 24, 1968 when he stepped on an enemy mine.



3793157 **Gaffney** Ronald J, 21, of Mudgee, NSW, volunteered for service in Vietnam and sailed with 9RAR from Adelaide on November 9, 1968. Less than a month later, the rifleman private with 7 Section, 9Platoon, C Company was killed in a clash between friendly platoons in Phuoc Tuy.



1730941 **Gant** Kenneth H, 21, of Wynnum, in Brisbane, was a butcher when drafted in the first call-up in June, 1965. The rifleman private with D Company 6RAR was killed at the battle of Long Tan, Phuoc Tuy province, on August 18, 1966. Long Tan, fought against a battalion sized enemy force, was one of the pivotal actions of the Vietnam War.



2789508 **George** Barry R, 21, of Rylstone, NSW, was called up in May, 1968 and left for Vietnam in February, 1969 where his only brother was also serving. Two months later, the rifleman private in 9RAR was killed in action in Long Khanh Province on April 7, 1969.



5715657 **Gibbs** Ian J, 21, of Fremantle, WA, was a wool classer when called up in February, 1968. The rifleman private with 1RAR was killed accidentally at Phuoc Tuy on November 19, 1968.



3790395 **Gillard** Robert J, 22, of Melbourne, Victoria, was a salesman when called up in February, 1967. The trooper with A Squadron 3rd Cavalry Regiment was killed when his APC struck a mine in Bien Hoa Province on August 2, 1968.



6708763 **Godden** Guy R, from the UK, was a bank teller in Tasmania at call up in February, 1967. The rifleman private with 3RAR was killed in action during the Tet offensive at Long Dien, Phuoc Tuy, on February 8, 1968.



1734847 **Goody** Philip R, 22, of Monto, Queensland, was a railway worker, fruit picker and cane cutter before called up in October, 1968. A member of 8 RAR, he was shot accidentally during night ambush operations on May 1, 1970 in Phuoc

Tuy Province .



2787716 **Graham** Samuel, 22, from Glasgow, Scotland, was a brick maker when he was called up in July, 1967. The rifleman private with 4RAR was killed in action in Bien Hoa Province on January 31, 1969.



2782127 **Green** George B, 21, from Granville, NSW, was called-up in June 1965. Lance corporal Green, of 5RAR, was killed when the APC in which he was travelling struck a land mine during a search and destroy operation in mountains south of the Task Force base at Nui Dat on February 1, 1967, in Operation Renmark. Seven Australians were killed and 27 injured.



2791447 **Greene** John G, 21, of Paddington, NSW, a clerk when he was called up in January, 1969, was a sapper with 1 Field Squadron when an APC hit a mine on December 8, 1969 in Phuoc Tuy Province .



1730947 **Grice** Victor R, 21, of Ballarat, Victoria, was a storeman when drafted in the first call-up in June 1965. He was the radio operator for D Company, 6RAR, when he was killed in the battle of Long Tan, Phuoc Tuy Province on August 18, 1966.



3791920 **Hannaford** Michael J, 21, of Hampton, Victoria, was a truck driver when called up in July 1967. He was a trooper in Vietnam with C Squadron, 1 Armoured Regiment, when he was killed on 14 December, 1968



2781994 **Hart** Peter R, 22, of Sydney, was drafted in the first call-up in June, 1965. The private with 6RAR died in 2 Field Ambulance, Vung Tau, on March 29, 1967 of wounds received in a contact on March 21, 1967 with an enemy force that was dug in at Ap My An, Phuoc Tuy.



3789232 **Hawker** Norman V, 22, of Lillimur, Victoria, was a farmer when he was called up in July, 1966. The private with 7RAR died at 24 US Evacuation hospital, Long Binh, of wounds received on November 27, 1967 during a Viet Cong rocket attack.



2794350 **Hill** Donald C, of Wollongong, NSW, was a private with D and E Platoon, HQ 1 Australian Task Force when he was killed with six other men when an armoured personnel carrier in which they were travelling was blown up in an ambush in Phuoc Tuy on June 12, 1971.



3786634 **Holland** Tony, 21, born in England, was a lube operator when he was drafted in the first call-up in June, 1965. The trooper with 1 APC Squadron died of injuries in 36 US Evacuation Hospital, Vung Tau, following the accidental discharge of a weapon on July 7, 1966. He is buried at Terendak, Malaysia.



2786682 **Hollis** Anthony E, 23, of Sydney, NSW, was a truck driver when he was called-up in April 1967. He re-enlisted in December 1968. The sapper with 1 Field Squadron was killed by an enemy mine in Phuoc Tuy Province on January 30, 1970.



3794944 **Holloway** John W, 22, of Surrey Hills, in Melbourne, Victoria, was a carpenter when he was called up in October, 1968. The rifleman private with 9RAR was killed in action during a contact in Bien Hoa Province on October 26, 1969.



2787776 **Houston** Kenneth R, 23, of Katoomba NSW, was a policeman when he was called up in July, 1967. The private with 3RAR died in Phuoc Tuy of heat exhaustion, severe shock and suffocation on October 25, 1968.



2791326 **Hurst** Harold W, 21, of Bathurst, NSW, was a market gardener at call up in October, 1968. The sapper with 1 Field Squadron was killed when a vehicle he was in hit an anti-tank mine in Phuoc Tuy Province on April 29, 1970.



6708488 **Hyland** Francis A, 22, of Wynyard, Tasmania, was a butcher when he was called up in April, 1966. The rifleman private with 2RAR died on December 1, 1967, of injuries received from an enemy mine in Phuoc Tuy the previous day.



2789790 **Jackson** Peter J, 21, of Cowra, NSW, was a station hand and a power line contractor when called up in May, 1968. The private with 5RAR was wounded on April 4, 1969 and then killed in a mine explosion in Phuoc Tuy Province on June 15, 1969.



2783512 **Jackson** Robert J, 25, of Sydney, was called up February 1966 when he was 20. He joined the Regular Army in 1968 and went to Vietnam as a corporal with 8RAR. He was killed in an explosion in Phuoc Tuy Province on February 28, 1970.



2781847 **Jewry** Jack, 21, of St Marys, Sydney, was born in London and came to Australia aged five. He was drafted in the first call-up in June 1965 and posted to D Company, 6RAR where he became a lance corporal. He was killed in the battle of Long Tan on August 18, 1966.



4720992 **Kavanagh** Graham R, 21, of Adelaide, SA, was a cabinet maker when called-up in July 1969. The rifleman private with 7RAR died of dehydration and extreme high body temperature while on operations in Phuoc Tuy Province on April 21, 1970.



1733818 **Kermode** Raymond C, of Hemmant, in Brisbane, was a tailor's cutter when he was called up in February, 1966. The rifleman private with 9RAR was killed in a contact with the enemy in a bunker system in Long Khanh on July 19, 1969.



1734754 **Kingston** Ian W, 20, of Nambour, Queensland, was a bank officer when called-up in October 1968. The rifleman private with 6RAR was killed in action in Bien Hoa Province on September 3, 1969.



2782226 **Knight** Gordon, 21, of Bondi, Sydney, was a foundry moulder when called up in September 1965. The rifleman private with 6RAR was killed in action in Phuoc Tuy during an Australian ambush on July 9, 1966.



1735712 **Kowalski** Peter F, 23, of Nudgee, Brisbane, was born in Germany. He was working as a bank officer when he was called-up in July, 1969. The rifleman private with 2RAR died of wounds from an enemy mine explosion in Phuoc Tuy on February 8, 1971.



2786939 **Langlands** Terrance E, 23, of Wallsend, NSW, was called up on April 24, 1967 and became one of the 1500 National Service officer graduates from the Officer Training School at Scheyville in Sydney. As a Second Lieutenant, he was posted to 1RAR as a Platoon commander and died of two gunshot wounds during enemy contact on November 24, 1968, near Da Nang.



2781704 **Large** Paul A, 22, of Wellington NSW, was born, raised and buried in the Coolah Valley in central NSW. The rifleman private with 6RAR died from a single sniper's bullet in the battle of Long Tan on August 18, 1966.



4720583 **Larsson** Stanley G, 23, of Adelaide SA, was a fitter and turner when called up on January 30, 1969. The rifleman private with 7RAR was killed in an enemy explosion in Phuoc Tuy Province on June 6, 1970.



1734491 **Linton** Matthew P, 22, of Sydney, NSW, was a carpet layer and was posted to 5RAR as a signalman private. On November 4, 1969, he was killed during Operation Kings Cross



2791437 **Lisle** Anthony, 22, of Rockhampton, Queensland, was a carpenter and joiner when called up on October 21, 1968. He became a sapper with 1 Field Squadron RAE and suffered wounds in the field on October 22, 1969 during support operations for 5RAR in Operation Kings Cross. He died from his injuries on November 12 in 1 Australian Field Hospital, Vung Tau.



3797086 **Lloyd** Allan L, 20, of Canberra ACT was a pipe layer when called up on July 9, 1969. The rifleman private member of 7RAR suffered gunshot wounds in action on December 30, 1970 and died of his injuries two hours later in 1 Field Hospital.



2784015 **Lloyd** Richard E, of Weston, NSW, was a boilermaker when called up on April 20, 1966. The rifleman private with 5RAR died when a claymore mine exploded as he built a fence in the village of Dat Do, Phuoc Tuy, on April 6, 1967. He had been wounded in action on February 27, 1967.



3794096 **Loughman** Matthew, 21, of Finley, NSW, worked for the Federal public service before call up on July 17, 1968. He served with HQ 1ALSG at Vung Tau as a rifleman private before dying in 24 US Evacuation Hospital, Long Binh, on July 19, 1969 from a brain haemorrhage.



1730993 **McCormack** Albert F, 21, of Launceston, Tasmania, was a clerk when called up on June 30, 1965 and was attached to D Company 6RAR after training in Queensland. He and Dennis McCormack, from Adelaide, had consecutive service numbers; both were attached to D.Coy and both died in the battle of Long Tan on 18 August, 1966. D Coy, with artillery and APC support, fought off a force of North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops at least 10 times their number in pouring monsoonal rain in the Long Tan rubber plantation. They set a standard of courage, discipline, co-ordination and tactics that all Australian units were to follow in Vietnam.



1730994 **McCormack** Dennis J, 21, of Adelaide SA served with D Company 6RAR in Vietnam. He died in the battle of Long Tan on 18 August, 1966.



2782440 **McDuff** Peter E, 21, of Wagga Wagga, NSW, was posted to 2RAR. He was killed by rocket fire from a friendly helicopter near Nui Dat, Phuoc Tuy province, on September 28, 1967.



2412362 **McGarry** Peter S, 20, of Melbourne, Victoria, was a clerk before he volunteered for National Service in December 1965. He died while attached to 2RAR as a rifleman private when a booby trap exploded in Phuoc Tuy on August 1, 1967.



2784478 **McGuire** Raymond A, 22, of Burwood, NSW, was a warehouseman when called up on July 12, 1967. The rifleman private with 4RAR died of gunshot wounds while on patrol in Bien Hoa on February 16, 1969.



3795935 **MacLennan** Larry J, 21, of Melbourne, Victoria, was called up on April 23, 1969 and posted to A Company, 8RAR. He and six other members of his platoon were killed and another 13 wounded when an M16 mine was accidentally detonated in Phuoc Tuy Province on February 28, 1970.



3794377 **McMillan** James C, 20, of Albury, NSW, was the son of an Army warrant officer who had served in New Guinea in World War II. The former bank clerk volunteered for Vietnam with 5RAR in 1969. While attached to special services, enemy soldiers shot him on July 31, 1969



2785033 **McMillan** Ross C, 21, of Uralla, NSW, had worked in a department store. The lance corporal with 5RAR died as he set up a claymore mine outside the patrol perimeter on February 2, 1968. His section corporal saw him die and wrote: "I will never forget you and I hope your country and its citizens will always acknowledge your sacrifice."



5715701 **McPherson** Lyall H, 20, of Northam, WA, was a sign writer before call up on February 7, 1968. The rifleman private in 9RAR died of gunshot wounds on patrol in Bien Hoa on April 12, 1969.



5716533 **McQuat** James L, 21, of Dalwallinu, WA, was a butcher and farmer when call up on January 29, 1969. Posted to C Coy, 8RAR, the rifleman private died when ambushed and shot by the VC on April 30, 1970 during Operation Nudgee in Phuoc Tuy Province



3793137 **Manicola** Joseph G, 22, of Yallourn, Victoria, was a boilermaker when called up on February 7, 1968. On January 17, 1969 as a rifleman private with 1ARU he was admitted to 1 Australian Field Hospital, Phuoc Tuy, with a cranial tumour then transferred to the Repatriation General Hospital, Heidelberg, Melbourne, where he died on March 12, 1969.



. 1731467 **Martin** William H was a stockman from a well known western Queensland family when he volunteered for National Service in 1966. He served with 1RAR and had extended his tour by six months when killed in action on May 16, 1968.



2794496 **Mathers** Ian G, 22, of Brisbane, Queensland, graduated as a second Lieutenant from the National Service officers' course at Scheyville, NSW, on July 16, 1970. Posted to Vietnam with the 12 Field Regiment, he was one of three Australians who were killed in action during an enemy contact in Long Khanh on June 7, 1971. Fourteen men also were wounded in the same battle.



5714739 **Mathews** Geoffrey F, 21, of Perth, WA, was a sales clerk when called up on September 28, 1966. Posted to Vietnam with 3RAR, he was shot by the VC during a patrol on February 8, 1968 and died of wounds the following day in 24 US Evacuation Hospital, Long Binh.



2788798 **Meredith** Thomas F, 22, of Burwood, NSW, was a carpenter and joiner when called up on February 7, 1968. His father, Ernest, a World War II veteran, had died of war injuries. Posted to 9RAR, he was shot and killed by the VC on January 10, 1969 in Bien Hoa.



1731013 **Mitchell** Warren D, 21, of Dalby, Queensland, was called up June 1965. He was one of the 11 National Servicemen who died in the battle of Long Tan on August 18, 1966.



4717751 **Mitchinson** Kevin L, was a bank clerk from Port Lincoln SA. As a lance corporal crew commander with B Company, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, he died when the Armoured Personnel Carrier in which he was travelling hit a mine and exploded on February 21, 1967.



3795756 **Morgan** John L, 21, of Melbourne, Victoria, was an apprentice printer when he was called up on January 29, 1969. The private storeman technician with 2 Advanced Ordnance Depot of the RAAOC died in an accident at 1ALSG, Nui Dat, Phuoc Tuy, on June 1, 1970.



1732186 **Morrison** Dayle W, 22, of Maleny, Queensland, was a timekeeper and pay clerk when called up on July 13, 1966. He was posted to 2RAR as a rifleman private and was killed on January 26, 1968 during an enemy contact in Bien Hoa.



2787512 **Muc** Michael, 21, from the Ukraine, was an optical lens cutter when called up on July 12, 1967. As a rifleman private with 4RAR, he died from fragmentation wounds, along with another private in his platoon, on Friday, September 13, 1968 in an enemy contact in a bunker during Operation Hawkesbury on the western edge of VC territory in Thua Tich.



2788085 **Muller** Hans L, 22, from West Germany, was a carpenter and joiner when called up on October 4, 1967. He was with 5RAR when injured by an enemy mine explosion on July 4, 1969 near Long Hai and died of his wounds in 1 Australian Field Hospital Vung Tau the following day. Nine Australians were killed and 58 were wounded in the same operation.



3795712 **Munday** Barry J, 22, from Melbourne, Victoria, was a fork lift driver when called up on January 29, 1969. Posted to 8RAR, he was killed along with six other Australian in action when a mine was detonated in Phuoc Tuy on February 28, 1970.



2788524 **Murray** Peter E, 21, of North Sydney, NSW, was a bank officer when called up in October 1967. Posted to 1RAR, the rifleman private died of his wounds in 24 Evacuation Hospital, Long Binh, on July 9, 1968 after suffering multiple wounds in an enemy contact.



4717754 **Musicka** Harold R, 23, of Melbourne Victoria, completed his National Service from September 1965 to September 1967 and re-enlisted in the Army on November 13, 1967. Posted to 9RAR as a mortar man, he volunteered for Vietnam where he was killed accidentally on January 19, 1969 when a friendly forces soldier saw a moving figure and fired at him.

2792729 **Navarre** Paul J, 21, of Terang, Victoria, was a clerk with the Victorian Railways when called up on April 23, 1969. The rifleman private from 7RAR was one of 2,500 National Servicemen sent to Vietnam in 1967. Wounded in action by an enemy mine in Phuoc Tuy province, he died on June 6, 1970 in 1 Australian Field Hospital, Vung Tau.



1735386 **Neal** Dennis W, 22, of Gympie, Queensland, was a motor mechanic when called up in 1969. He was posted to 2RAR and went to Vietnam on May 17, 1970. He was returning from the section's first operation when a booby trap detonated, killing Private Dennis and another soldier.



4718427 **Nelson** Dennis E, 21, of Millicent, SA, was a car mechanic when called up. The rifleman private with D Company, 2RAR was killed during a refresher exercise at Nui Dat when the rocket on an American helicopter gunship malfunctioned and fired, killing three soldiers and wounding 10 others on September 26, 1967.



3798081 **Niblett** Ralph J, 22, of Melbourne, Victoria, was a rifleman private when 4RAR/NZ sailed from Townsville to Vung Tau on May 13, 1971. He was shot dead by VC soldiers during the first battle of Operation Ivanhoe on September 21, 1971 near the border of Phuoc Tuy province.



4717546 **Noack** Errol W, 21, of Adelaide, SA, was the first National Servicemen to die on active service in Vietnam. He was a fisherman when called up on July 1, 1965. Serving with 5RAR, accounts differ about the circumstances of his death. Initially, records stated he died from gunshot wounds from friendly forces at Nui Dat but the description of his death was altered later to wounded in action. He died of his wounds on May 24, 1966 in 36 US Evacuation Hospital.



2787793 **Noonan** Michael J, 21, of Gilgandra, NSW, was a manager of a spare parts outlet when called up in 1967. He was a rifleman private in 4RAR when he was shot dead by VC snipers along with another Australian soldier, Private Michael Muc, in an enemy contact on Friday, September 13, 1968, in Phuoc Tuy.



2786748 **O'Brien** John A, 21, of St Leonards NSW, was a spray painter when called up on April 19, 1967. He was posted to 1RAR as a rifleman private and was killed in action on May 13, 1968 in Bien Hoa Province.



2782779 **O'Hara** John L, 22, of Wollongong, NSW, was a labourer when he was called up in the second National Service intake in September 1965. The sapper with 1 Field Squadron died from blast wounds as he tamped down earth in a freshly laid minefield on May 20, 1967 near Horseshoe, Phuoc Tuy.



4718855 **Paterson** David, 25, of Adelaide SA, a teacher, was called up on February 2, 1967 and graduated as a 2nd Lieutenant from the Officer Training Unit at Scheyville. On completion of his National Service he re-enlisted in February 1969 and volunteered for Vietnam with 3RAR where he was shot dead during an enemy contact on March 20, 1971 in Phuoc Tuy.



2141115 **Patten** Raymond B, 20, an apprentice carpenter of Camperdown NSW, volunteered for National Service in April 1969 because the discipline and camaraderie of Army life appealed to him. Posted to 7RAR as a rifleman private, he died in 1 Field Hospital on February 6, 1971 after being wounded in action by an enemy mine five days earlier in Phuoc Tuy.



5717657 **Pengilly** Bernard M, 22, of Nedlands WA was a mail officer when called up on July 8, 1970. He was posted to 4RAR/NZ – the final battalion sent to Vietnam in May 1971. A mine thrown into a bunker during Operation Fox Trot on the border of Phuoc Tuy and Long Khanh killed the rifleman private on July 30, 1971 four months before all offensive operations by Australian troops ceased in Vietnam.



6709611 **Penneyston** Peter L, 22, of Queenstown, Tasmania, was a carpenter and joiner when called up on October 2, 1969 and posted to 1 Field Squadron, RAE. An enemy mine killed him on August 2, 1970 in

Phuoc Tuy Province .



3789447 **Perrin** Robert G, 22, of Melbourne, Victoria, was a welder. As a stretcher bearer with 7RAR, he was being winched into a helicopter to aid wounded Australian soldiers when the

winch snapped and dropped him into the jungle on February 2, 1968. He died of his injuries.



2784043 **Pearce** John G S, 22, of Mosman, NSW, had finished a sheep and wool classing course and was working in the Currabubula district when called up in April 1966. Posted to 1RAR, he completed his National Service and re-enlisted for 12 months

in April, 1968. The volunteer corporal stretcher bearer, attached to D Company, 1RAR, died from fragmentation wounds during an enemy contact on May 14, 1968. He is buried at Terendak in Malaysia.



1733375 **Petersen** Victor N, 23, of Southport, Queensland, was a forest trainee when called up on July 12, 1967. He was posted to 4RAR/NZ and died from blast wounds on February 16, 1969 in an enemy contact during Operation Goodwood west of route 15, Phuoc Tuy Province



217961 **Pettit** Leslie J, 21, of Sydney, NSW, a machinist, was serving in the CMF when he volunteered for National Service on October 30, 1967. He was posted to 5RAR and died in action from an enemy mine explosion on July 4

1969, in Phuoc Tuy Province .



3790094 **Pettitt** Noel C, 21, of Mildura, Victoria was working as a labourer when called up on September 28, 1966 and posted to 2RAR as a rifleman private. He was badly injured in a mine explosion on November 27, 1967 and died in 8 Field Ambulance, Vung Tau.



4719545 **Phillips** Reginald A, 21, of Murray Bridge, SA, was posted to Vietnam with 9 RAR when he died of gunshot wounds on January 18, 1969 in 1 Australian Field Hospital after being wounded in Bien Hoa

Province .



3789448 **Plain** Douglas B, 22, of Carlton, Victoria, was working as a gardener at the Repatriation General Hospital Heidelberg when called up on July 13, 1966. He was posted to Headquarters 1 Australian

Task Force and died accidentally when his APC collided with a South Vietnamese army truck in Bien Hoa in March 1968.



4719981 **Plane** Bruce J, 21, of Ardrossan, SA, started an engineering apprenticeship but changed his mind and enlisted in 1968. He was killed on January 20 1969 in Bien Hoa while serving with 9RAR.



3786644 **Pomroy** Victor I, 21, of Camberwell, Victoria, was a clerk when called up on September 29, 1965. The trooper with A Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment, RAAC was killed in action during an enemy contact on February 17, 1967 at Dat

Do, Phuoc Tuy Province .



3795605 **Poulson** Daryl, 20, of Melbourne, Victoria, was an advertising clerk when called up on January 29, 1969. The rifleman private was killed in an enemy contact in Phuoc Tuy on April 3, 1970.



2790170 **Power** Robert E, 22, of Belmore, NSW, was a bank officer until called up on May 1, 1968. Posted to 6RAR, he died in an enemy contact on May 8, 1970, in Phuoc Tuy.



2782783 **Powter** Douglas R J, 21, of Parkes NSW, was a railway signalman when called up on September 29, 1965. He was one of four Australians killed and 13

wounded on February 6, 1967 when fire from 161 New Zealand Field battery fell short in D Company, 6RAR's position west of Song Rai in Operation Tambourine.



1734329 **Prior** Kevin J, 22, of Rockhampton, Queensland, was called up on May 1, 1968. The rifleman private with 9RAR was shot by the VC in Bien Hoa on

October 2, 1969



3787580 **Purcell** Anthony T, 21, of Mansfield, Victoria, was a bulldozer driver when called up on September 29, 1965. He was killed in action on July 25, 1966 while serving as a rifleman private with 6RAR near Long Tan,



4719160 **Quigley** Anthony V, 21, of Adelaide, SA, was working as a driver when called up on April 20, 1967. The lance corporal in 3RAR died on November 5, 1968 during contact with the enemy on a night patrol.



1733037 **Ramsay** Joseph S, 22, was the carpenter son of a migrant family from Scotland living in Brisbane, Queensland, when called up on April 17, 1967. He was killed in an enemy contact on January 31, 1969 in the final stages of Operation Goodwood in Bien Hoa province. A total of six Australian troops were killed and 13 wounded in this operation.



2787069 **Rands** John M, 22, a clerk, of Coffs Harbour, NSW, was posted to 1RAR and was wounded in action during the battle of Firebase Coral on May 13, 1968. He was killed in action on December 12, 1968 during an enemy contact in Bien Hoa.



3793403 **Reidy** Paul F, 21, of Bendigo, Victoria, was a salesman when called up on May, 1 1968 and posted as a rifleman private to D Company, 9RAR. He was killed in a mine explosion during a four day land clearing operation in Dat Do south east of Nui Dat on May 25, 1969. Four South Vietnamese troops and five Australians were wounded in the explosion.



4719818 **Remeljej** Alexander, 21, from West Germany, was a draftsman's assistant with the South Australian State Department of Lands until called up in 1968. Posted to 5RAR as a rifleman private, he was killed by an exploding mine during an attack by the enemy.



3788172 **Renshaw** Terrence J, 22, of Rutherglen, Victoria, was a qualified cabinetmaker and joiner when called up on February 2, 1966. He died as a sapper in 1 Field Squadron RAE when

his own mine exploded during a mine laying operation in Xa Hoi, Phuoc Tuy Province on May 30, 1967.



2796378 **Rhodes** Maxwell R, 22, of Sydney NSW, was a qualified metallurgist when called up on January 27, 1971. He was a rifleman private in 10 Platoon D Company of 4RAR when he died from a gunshot wound in an accidental clash between 10 and 11 platoon in Phuoc Tuy on September 19, 1971.



3796110 **Richter** Philip M, 21, of Melbourne Victoria was a geophysical assistant when called up on April 23, 1969. He was posted to 8RAR and volunteered for service in Vietnam. He was killed by a mine on February 28, 1970 along with eight other Australians.



2781563 **Rinkin** Kerry P, 21, of Taree, NSW, was a blank clerk who graduated from the Officer Training Unit at Scheyville six months after call up on June 30, 1965. He became a platoon commander and transferred to the Regular Army midway through his National Service in 1966. He served with 5RAR in Vietnam where he was wounded by a mine blast on April 7, 1967 and died of his wounds in 2 Field Ambulance, Vung Tau.



3793978 **Robertson** Michael R, 20, a clerk, 20, of Melbourne, Victoria, was called up on July 17, 1968. He was killed accidentally at 1 Australian Logistics Support Group on 24 December, 1969.



4718449 **Rogers** John, 22, of Mt. Gambier, SA, was a labourer when called up on July 14, 1966. A rifleman private with 2RAR, he was shot in an enemy contact on February 10, 1968 in Bien Hoa.



5715153 **Roost** Christopher W, 22, of Perth, WA, was a sheet metal worker until call up on April 19, 1967. He was posted to 4RAR as a rifleman private and was killed in action on December 23, 1968 in Bien Hoa.



1731040 **Salveron** Douglas J, 20, of Brisbane, Queensland, was one of the 11 National Servicemen killed in the Battle of Long Tan on 18 August 1966 together with 7 Regular Army soldiers.

D Company of 6RAR, on patrol for reported enemy activity, encountered a force of North Vietnamese regulars estimated at more than Battalion strength in a rubber plantation. In pouring rain, they held off the enemy with the aid of pinpoint artillery support and ammunition resupply from RAAF helicopters flying in minimal visibility and in danger from ground fire.



1732899 **Salzmann** Ronald W 24, of Bundaberg, Queensland, volunteered for National Service and re-enlisted as a forward scout with 3RAR. He died of injuries in an accident on April 14, 1971 in Vung Tau, Phuoc Tuy province.



4719367 **Scales** Grantley J, 22, of Adelaide, SA, worked in the family business until called up. The rifleman private with 9RAR was killed by a gunshot wound from his own unit after he accidentally walked outside its

perimeter in Bien Hoa on March 5, 1969. The Viet Cong and North Vietnamese regulars constantly probed Australian defences after dark and sentries had to assume that any movement outside the perimeter was hostile.



4720852 **Schuit** Martinus J M, a builder's labourer from South Australia, was called up in April 24, 1969. A sapper with 17 Construction Squadron, he extended his service in Vietnam but died in 24 US Evacuation

Hospital on October 22, 1970 after a vehicle accident at Vung Tau.



3791583 **Scott** Ian J, 21, of Camperdown, Victoria, was called up on July 12, 1967. He became a gunner in the HQ Battery of the 12 Field Regiment RAE after training at Puckapunyal. He arrived in Vietnam on May 9, 1968 and was killed four days later in a mine blast in Operation Coral in Bien Hoa.



1735424 **Scott** Ian N, 21, of Charleville, Queensland, was a sapper who volunteered for Vietnam after his call up on April 22, 1969. On June 15, 1970 during his time with 2 Troop, 1 Field Squadron, near Long Phuoc Hia,

the APC in which he was travelling struck an enemy mine, killing him and injuring three other crewmen.



2781465 **Sharp** Gordon C, 21, of Tamworth, NSW, was a television cameraman when called up on June 30, 1965. He was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant on December 18, 1966.

Posted to D Company, 6RAR as platoon commander, Lt.Sharp was killed in action in the battle of Long Tan on August 18, 1966.



3790566 **Sheppard** Lawrence R, 22, of Melbourne, Victoria, was a clerk when he was called up on February 1, 1967. The rifleman private with 1RAR died in a major battle at Fire Base Coral along with eight other Australian soldiers on May 13, 1968 in Bien Hoa.



2787074 **Slattery** John M, 21, of Lockhart, NSW, was a wool classer and public servant until call up on April 19, 1967. A rifleman private with 1RAR, he was killed in an enemy contact 23km north of Nui Dat on October 8, 1968.



3793566 **Smith** Baron F, 21, of Brisbane, Queensland, was a journalist, called up on May 1, 1968. He was posted to 5RAR as a rifleman private during the battalion's second tour of duty in Vietnam. Smith died of wounds on August 11, 1969 in 1 Australian

Field Hospital, Vung Tau, after a sentry from another section of his own platoon fired on him during a patrol earlier in the day in Bien Hoa.



3794831 **Smith** John, 21, from Grimsby, UK, lived at Seaford, Victoria, where he was a bank clerk and a builder's labourer until called up in 1968. He was posted to 1 Field Squadron as a sapper and died when a mine exploded as he cleared a road in Phuoc Tuy on July 23, 1969.



3797613 **Smith** Noel A, 22, of Melbourne Victoria, was an engineer and electrical mechanic in 21 Engineer Support Transport when he was burnt in the intense fire of an exploding petrol stove. He died in 24 US Evacuation Hospital on March 28, 1971.



2788912 **Smith** Peter C, 22, of Sydney NSW, was a carpenter and joiner when called up in February 7, 1968. The rifleman private with 9RAR died from wounds on January 19, 1969 in Phuoc Tuy Province.



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2790417 **Sorrensen** Gordon D, 24, of Gympie, Queensland, was a plant operator before call up on July 17, 1968. He was shot in an enemy contact with his platoon from 9 RAR on June 30, 1969 in Long Khanh



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2790070 **Stanford** Gregory Ian, 22, of Goulburn, NSW, was called up on May 1, 1968. He was posted to A company, 6RAR and died in an enemy contact in the Nui Tao Mountains in Phuoc Tuy on December 18, 1969.



killed in action during Operation Ivanhoe in an enemy contact on September 21, 1971.

5718122 **Sprigg** Roderick J, 21, of Merredin, WA, was working as a farmhand when he was called up on January 27, 1971. He was posted to 7RAR as a rifleman private and was



killed by a mortar during a night attack by the enemy on Fire Base Anderson, Bien Hoa, on February 18, 1968.

4719232 **Steen** David J, 21, was from the Falkland Islands – the scene of another war in 1982. He was working as a tractor driver when called up on April 20, 1967. He was posted as a sapper to 1 Field Squadron when he



to 1ARU and was killed on September 21, 1968 when a claymore mine accidentally detonated.

4719573 **Sukmanowsky** Michael, 21, was from West Germany and was working as a clerk in the South Australian railways when called up on October 5, 1967. He was posted



3786696 **Sullivan** Paul C, 21, of Lane Cove, Sydney, was a grocer when he was called up. He was posted to 5RAR and was killed in an enemy contact on December 27, 1966.



3797623 **Talbot** Alan, 21, from the UK, was a laboratory assistant and storemen when called up on October 1, 1969. A rifleman private with 7RAR, he died of wounds from an enemy mine on February 1, 1971 in Phuoc Tuy Province



3787987 **Taylor** Leonard A, 22, a trainee sales representative from Sydney, NSW, was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant six months after call up on February 2, 1966. He extended his military service by 12 months and as a platoon commander with B Company, 3RAR, died of gunshot wounds in an enemy contact on February 8, 1968 in Long Dien, Phuoc Tuy.



2790880 **Teeling** Wayne E, 21, of Clovelly, NSW, was an assistant engineer when called up on July 24, 1968. He was killed in an enemy contact in Phuoc Tuy Province on June 6, 1969 five weeks after he arrived in Vietnam with 5RAR.



2786038 **Thomson** Ian J, 22, of Albury, NSW, was an apprentice fitter and turner when called up on February 1, 1967. The rifleman private with 3RAR was killed by an enemy rocket propelled grenade in a Phuoc Tuy rubber plantation on October 19, 1968.



3791207 **Tinkham** John R, 21, of Koo-wee-rup, Victoria, was a clerk when called up on April 19, 1967. Posted to 4RAR, he was shot dead by VC troops on October 20, 1969 during Operation Capital. This two-phase reconnaissance action kept the battalion in the field for 48 days with only a three day break.



4718991 **Thomas** William M, 21, of Adelaide, SA, posted to 3RAR, was killed in a pre-dawn enemy attack on Fire Support Base Coral, Bien Hoa, on May 26, 1968. This was one a series of failed actions by the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese forces between April and June to remove obstacles to attacks on Saigon.

2789920 **Thompson** Barry J, 22, of Goulburn, NSW, was a shearer and shed hand when called up on May 1, 1968. He was posted to 5RAR in February 1969 and had completed 11 months of his Vietnam tour of duty including four weeks of night patrols in Operation Bondi II. He was killed by a booby trap on February 1, 1970.





July 8, 1966.

5713739 **Tomas** Marian, 21, of Manning WA, was a framer when called up on June 30, 1965. The lance corporal with 5RAR was killed by shrapnel wounds from friendly artillery forces on



1 Task Force, Nui Dat, he died from multiple blast wounds on June 12, 1971 in Phuoc Ty.

2792254 **Towler** Michael, 21, from Darlington, UK, was working as a farm hand when he was called up on April 23, 1969. He completed his National Service in April 1971 but decided to stay on for another 12 months. Posted to HQ



Hoa. Posted to 1RAR, he died from fragmentation wounds during the first Viet Cong attack on Fire Support Base Coral on May 13, 1968.

3791291 **Trimble** Bevan M, 21, of Bendigo, Victoria, was a spare parts salesman when called up on April 19, 1967. He was one of a number of Australian troop fatalities sustained during the Battle of Coral in Bien



by an enemy mine on May 29, 1970.

2792375 **Tully** Desmond J, 21, from Lismore NSW, was a bank clerk when called up on April 23, 1969. After training at Townsville, he arrived in Vietnam in May 1979 with 8 Platoon, C Company, of 2RAR. He was killed



and 19 were wounded in the same incident.

4720253 **Turner** Timothy C, 21, from Kangaroo Island, SA, was called up on July 18 1968 and posted to D Company, 5RAR in its second tour in Vietnam in February, 1969. He died on June 15, 1969 after in an enemy mine explosion. Two other Australian soldiers died



Province .

3787416 **Tweedie** Geoffrey L, 21, of Healesville, Victoria, was a clerk with the State Electricity Commission when called up on September 29, 1965. He was a point man with 6RAR when shot accidentally on January 28, 1967 in Phuoc Tuy



on October 19, 1968 in Phuoc Tuy.

5715180 **Van Rijsewijk** Paul R, 21, from Surrey, UK, was a sales clerk when called up on April 19, 1967. He was posted to 3RAR as a rifleman lance corporal and was killed in action



on Fire Support Base Coral, Bien Hoa.

2787255 **Wallis** Alan J, 20, of Wingham, NSW, was an apprentice railway fireman when called up in April 1967. Posted to 1RAR, he was killed on May 16, 1968 during the enemy attacks



platoon.

3786978 **Warburton** Graham F, 21, of Warrnambool, Victoria, was posted to 5RAR as a rifleman private. He died from a single sniper shot from a Viet Cong on October 1, 1966 in Phuoc Tuy while acting as a forward scout with his



Dat Do, Phuoc Tuy Province .

5716163 **Waring** Anthony E, 21, of Kingston, UK, was an electrical installer apprentice when called up on July 17, 1968. A rifleman private in 5RAR, he died on 16 June, 1969 when hit by an enemy rocket propelled



between Dat Do and Phuoc Hai.

5713981 **Waters** Brian D, 21, of Guildford, WA, was a farm manager when called up in September 1965. Posted to B Company, 6RAR, he and six other Australian soldiers



tour with 5RAR on November 10, 1966.

5713748 **Watson** Bryan P, 21, of Norseman, WA, was a trainee office equipment technician when called up on June 30, 1965. The lance corporal was the second West Australian to be killed in Vietnam six months into his



February 17, 1967.

5713986 **Webster** David R, 21, was a farmer at Corowa, NSW, when called up in September, 1965. A rifleman private with 6RAR, he died in action in an enemy contact near Dad Do, Phuoc Tuy Province on



Province on February 21, 1967.

5713751 **Webster** James C, 22, a labourer from Perth, WA, was called on June 30, 1965. The rifleman private with 5RAR was killed by an exploding mine in Phuoc Tuy



1731955 **Weston** Leslie J, 22, of Tamworth, NSW, was working as a truck driver when called up on April 19, 1966. As a driver private in 2RAR, he was killed in an ambush near Dat Do on September 30, 1967.



3787607 **Whiston** Colin J, 21, of Sydney, NSW, was called up on September 26, 1965. The rifleman private in D Company 6RAR was shot by a sniper in the battle of Long Tan at 5p.m. on August 18, 1966. Eighteen Australian soldiers died in the battle which took the lives of a confirmed 245 Viet Cong but the actual numbers of enemy dead and wounded were far higher because the Communists always removed as many bodies as they could after battles.



5715978 **White** James M, 21, of Collie, WA, was a labourer before being called up on May 1, 1968 and posted to 5RAR. The rifleman private died in an enemy contact on April 4, 1969, in Phuoc Tuy province.



5715189 **Williams** Archibald S, of Subiaco, WA, was a labourer when called up in April 1967. The rifleman private with 1RAR was killed by an enemy sniper in Bien Hoa on September 21, 1968.



3797671 **Willoughby** Garry I, 22, of Melbourne Victoria, was working as a salesman when called up on October 1, 1969. The rifleman private with 2RAR was killed in Phuoc Tuy by an enemy sniper on October 8, 1970.



4717841 **Wilsen** Robert P, 21, from Adelaide SA was called up on September 30, 1965. A crewman trooper in A Squadron 3rd Cavalry Regiment, he was killed when his APC hit a mine on February 21, 1967 in Phuoc Tuy Province.



3411951 **Wilson** Kevin R 22, of Melbourne, Victoria, was a driver before call up on September 30, 1965. He re-enlisted in 2RAR as a private when he completed his National Service and was wounded in action on January 31, 1968. He recovered, only to die of gunshot wounds two weeks later on February 16, 1968 in an enemy contact in Hua Long.



4718082 **Woolford** Richard M, 21, of Murray Town, SA, was a carpenter when called up on February 2, 1967. The rifleman lance corporal with 2RAR was killed in action by a booby trap on August 1, 1967.



3790784 **Worle** Jeffrey T, 21, of Melbourne, Victoria, was a railway booking clerk when called up and posted to 3RAR. He was killed in an attack on Fire Support Base Balmoral, Bien Hoa, on May 28, 1968.



1732408 **Young** Alexander H, 21, of Murwillumbah, NSW, had service with the CMF when he was called up on September 26, 1966. As a signalman with 104 Signals Squadron, he was killed in action in the Battle of Coral on May 10, 1968.



1733095 **Young** Brian T, 21, of Brisbane, Queensland, was a milk and cream tester when called up in April, 1967. He was posted to 1RAR and sent to Vietnam on the battalion's second tour of duty. Like Alexander Young, the rifleman private died during a VC attack on Fire Support Base Coral on May 16, 1968.



1733547 **Young** Robert G, 22, of Mareeba, Queensland, was a labourer when called up on October 4, 1967. He was posted to B Squadron, 3rd Cavalry Regiment of RAAC. A crewman driver, he died in action when a mine exploded on June 24, 1969 in Phuoc Tuy province.

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FIRST SCHEME NATIONAL SERRVICEMEN

Six National Servicemen from the 1951-1959 scheme, who later enlisted, died in Vietnam.



54956 **Belleville** Graham H, 32, of Ballarat, Victoria, did his National Service in 1952 and then enlisted in the Army. He went to Vietnam with the Australian Army Training Team as a temporary captain. He was killed in action at Ai Van pass near Da Nang on February 2, 1966



172377 **Gollagher** Peter J, 32, of Brisbane, Queensland, who did National Service in 1955, enlisted in the CMF in 1966 and served in Vietnam as a senior sergeant with 21 Support Troop. On his first operation in the Long Hai hills with 2 Troop, 1 Field Squadron, he was shot while clearing a tunnel on April 5, 1968.



17693 **Norris** John. Evacuated to Cairns from Papua during WWII, the corporal from 6RAR was a 1950s National Serviceman who enlisted on January 11, 1963 because he enjoyed Army life. He died on July 25, 1966 when VC ambushed his section. The young soldiers stood up to fire and Cpl Norris and another senior soldier pushed them down but he was shot dead.



212612 **Ross** Thomas, 25, from Scotland, volunteered for National Service on July 2, 1958. He transferred to 1RAR and served in Malaya from 1959. He volunteered for Vietnam and died of wounds from an enemy mine in Ben Cat, Bien Hoa, on October 12, 1965.



37003 **Smith** Francis J, 25, of Ouyen, Victoria, was called up for National Service in 1957. He enlisted with 1RAR during the Malayan Emergency. The corporal died from a sniper's bullet on September 21, 1965 at Ben Cat, Bien Hoa province. He is buried at Terendak cemetery, Malaysia.



13841 **Swanton** Ronald J, 29 of Warwick, Queensland, enlisted in the Army on May 3, 1955 after completion of his National Service. "Butch" had risen to the rank of WO2 when he volunteered for Vietnam with the AATTV in 1965. He was attached to a South Vietnamese unit in Quang Ngai when VC troops shot him on November 13, 1965.

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