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Presentation Of Vietnamese Awards

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SD 9115

HONOURS AND AWARDS CHN VIETNAMESE .

ONE . THERE WILL BE AN INVESTITURE CEREMONY AND RECEPTION ON TUES 22 JUN AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE INDEPENDENCE PALACE CONG LY STREET AT 1730 HOURS .

TWO . DETAILS ARE .

ALFA . AWARD . THE VIETNAMESE LEGION OF MERIT .

BRAVO . RECIPIENTS CHN COMAFV CHN COMRAAFV CHN COMD AND D COMD 1 ATF CHN COMD 1 AISG CHN COMD AATTV CHN C OF S AFV .

CHARLIE . DRESS CHN POLYESTER UNIFORM CHN SLEEVES DOWN CHN TIE AND MEDAL RIBBONS .

DELTA . TRANSPORT . TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS ARE .

CAR ONE . COMAFV AND COMRAAFV . DEPART COMAFV RESIDENCE .

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DEPART BRIEMS .

CAR THREE . COLD AND D COLD 1 AFF . DETAILS TO BE

ADVISED .

THREE . FOR 1 AFF AND 1 ABSC . PLEASE ADVISE DETAILS OF MOVT

TO SAIGON CHK ACCN AND TPT REQUIRED OTHER THAN DESIRED IN TWO

DALLES .

FOUR . INVITATIONS TO RECEPTION AND OTHER DETAILS FWD SEPARATELY

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To 1 ALSG

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AWARD OF VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL TO CMF OFFRS FOR SERVICE WITH CIV SURGICAL TEAMS . REF MBI 102-4 PARA 6 .

ONE . THE QUALIFYING CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THIS MEDAL ARE GIVEN BY REF WHICH STATES INTER ALIA . QUOTE . A MEMBER MUST BE ALLOTTED FOR SPECIAL SERVICE IN VIETNAM AS DEFINED BY MBI 216-1 . UNQUOTE .

TWO . IN NO WAY CAN SERVICE WITH CIV SURGICAL TEAMS BY CIVILIANS CMM ALBEIT CMF OFFRS CMM BE CONSTRUED AS SPECIAL SERVICE IN TERMS MBI 216-1 AND AS THIS IS ESSENTIAL REQUISITE CMM THE OFFRS PROPOSED ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD UNLESS THEY SERVE 181 DAYS CAT SPECIAL SERVICE

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1ST AUSTRALIAN LOGISTIC SUPPORT GROUP
VIETNAM

27 Mar 70

HQ AFV

AWARD OF VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Reference: A. Telecon SCA(MS) HQ AFV/SCA 1 ALSG of 26 Mar 70.

1. Attached is a proposal by 1 Aust Fd Hosp in relation to the award of the Vietnamese Campaign Medal to CMF Officers who have served with the hospital and with the surgical teams at Bien Hoa.

2. Forwarded for your consideration and advice.

(M.B. SIMKIN)
Col
Comd

Enclosure: 1. 1 Aust Fd Hosp R445-1-1 dated 24 Mar 70.

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TELEPHONE

AUSTRALIAN MILITARY FORCES

Quote in Reply
R445/1/1

ADDRESS 1 Aust Fd Hosp
VUNG TAU
24 Mar 70

HQ
1 ALSG

AWARD OF VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

1. During recent years this hospital has derived great benefit from the services of many distinguished specialists who have volunteered for service in VIETNAM.

2. Included amongst these specialists are a number of extremely active CMF Officers who also served for a period with the civilian surgical teams at BIEN HOA.

3. These officers are:

No	RANK	NAME	PARENT UNIT	REMARKS
432018	Lt Col	BL CORNISH	HQ C COMD	Bien HOa 19 67 4 Dec 68 1 Aust Fd Hosp 3 Mar 69
432102	Lt Col	CG WILSON	HQ C COMD	Bien Hoa 19 67 3 Mar 69 1 Aust Fd Hosp 3 Jun 69
615245	Lt Col	BA SMITHURST	HQ N COMD	Bien Hoa 10 Oct 66- 3 Jan 67 3 Dec 69 1 Aust Fd Hosp 4 Mar 70
139130	Col	PJF GRANT	HQ N COMD	Bien Hoa 2 Jan 4 Apr 68 1 Aust Fd Hosp 9 Jan

4. It will be noted that specific dates in respect of Lt Cols CORNISH and WILSONs service with the civilian surgical team have not been included. This is regretted however attempts have been made to secure this information through the Embassy staff in Saigon without result.

5. It is believed that in each case the total period of time involved exceeds that required to qualify for the campaign Medal however, as the officers were not employed upon military duties during their period at Bien Hoa they are not eligible for the award.

6. In view of the long and active association of each officer with the CMF may representations be made to include service with the civilian surgical team toward the qualifying period for the Campaign Medal.

7. For your consideration and advice please.

(M A NAUGHTON)
Lt Col
Commanding Officer

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HQ/RAAFV



PRESENTATION OF VIETNAMESE AWARDS FOR CIVIC ACTION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

ACHIEVEMENTS . YOUR COS AFV 316 OF 31 JUL 69 .

ONE . THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE MEDAL FIRST CLASS WAS PRESENTED TO FOLLOWING CLN .

ALFA . 237 MAJ-GEN RA HAY CMM MBE CMM COMAFV .

BRAVO . 3163 BRIG C M I PEARSON CMM OBE CMM MC CMM COMD 1 ATF .

CHARLIE . 30202 LT COL K C FENTON CMM COMD NZ V FORCE .

TWO . THE PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE MEDAL SECOND CLASS WAS PRESENTED TO FOLLOWING CLN .

ALFA . 335037 LT COL P C GRATION CMM 1 AUST CA UNIT .

BRAVO . 335086 MAJ M D CURRIE CMM HQ AFV (LO APA PSY OPS BARIA) .

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DELTA . 235211 CAPT N L HORN CMM 104 SIG SQN .

ECHO . 17985 LT J B SULLIVAN CMM 1 AUST CA UNIT .

FOXTROT . 15446 SGT J A WILSON CMM B SQN 1 ARMD REGT .

GOLF . 2785369 SPR R ROWE CMM 1 FD SQN .

HOTEL . 55690 SPR D ANNING CMM 1 AUST CA UNIT .

INDIA . 542634 LCPL A N TAIPETI CMM RNZIR CMM W COY 6 RAR/NZ

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To 1 ATF

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SD 12357

OUR SD 12251 OF 29 JUL 69 PRESENTATION OF VIETNAMESE AWARDS . ONE . AS RESULT FINAL COORDINATION WITH GVN MINISTRY OF DEFENCE REQUEST RAAF HEL NOW ARRIVE FREE WORLD PAD AT Ø1Ø74ØH FOR Ø745H TAKE OFF . TWO . ARRIVAL AT 1 ATF AT Ø1Ø91ØH CONFIRMED

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MAJ LOVEGROVE

1 Psychological warfare Medal has two classes:

first class
and second class

First class	MG HAY BG PEARSON LTC FENTON
Second class	the rest

2 Please, send to me the Decree and the diploma in Vietnamese - I will translate it in English for you

MAJ BACH

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To Maj THIEN or Maj BACH

Subject MEDALS PRESENTED TODAY

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1. Could you please write at the foot of this note, the title of the medals awarded to our people this morning.

2. If there are different classes of the award would you please specify the classes for each recipient.

Thank you

G Lovegrove Maj

G. R. LOVEGROVE
MAJ.
DAAG. HQ. AFV.

1 Aug 69

PSY WAR MEDAL

1st class → MG HAY
BRIG. PEARSON
LTC FENTON

2nd class → others

From Maj THIEN

Maj BACH should be able to provide the details on Mon 4 Aug 69

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VIETNAMESE AWARDS FOR
CIVIL AFFAIRS AND PSYOPS ACHIEVEMENTS

1. The Vietnamese Minister for Information, Professor Nguyen Ngoc An, in a ceremony at Task Force Headquarters this morning, honoured members of the Australian and New Zealand Forces, Vietnam, for their work and achievements in civil affairs and psychological operations.

2. The Psychological Warfare Medal was presented to:

a. Maj Gen R.A. Hay MBE, COMAFV.

b. Brig C.M.I. Pearson OBE MC, Comd 1 ATF.

c. Lt Col K.C. Fenton, Comd NZ V Force.

d. Lt Col P.C. Gration, CO 1 Aust CA Unit.

e. Maj M.D. Currie, HQ AFV.

f. Capt N.L. Horn, 104 Sig Sqn

g. Lt J.B. Sullivan, 1 Aust CA Unit.

h. Sgt J.A. Wilson, B Sqn 1 Armd Regt.

i. Lcpl A.A. Taipeti, W Coy 6 RAR.

j. Spr D. Anning, 1 Aust CA Unit.

k. Spr R. Rowe, 1 Fd Sqn.

(G.D. BURGESS)
Maj
DAAG

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C O N F I D E N T I A LCOSAFV 316 REF AFVCOS12221.

PRESENTATION OF TEN VIETNAMESE AWARDS FOR CIVIC ACTION AND PSYCHOL-
OGICAL WARFARE ACHIEVEMENTS NOTED. AGREE YOUR PROPOSED ALLOCATION
SUBJECT TO VIEWS OF NZ AUTHORITIES IN RESPECT OF NZ ALLOCATION.
PLEASE ADVISE NAMES OF THOSE SELECTED TO RECEIVE AWARDS AND THE
AWARD GRANTED

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AFV COS 12383

PRESENTATION OF VIETNAMESE AWARDS FOR CIVIC ACTION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

ACHIEVEMENTS . OUR AFVCOS 12221 OF 29 JUL 69 .

ONE. MEMBERS SELECTED FOR AWARDS ARE AS FOLLOWS CLN

ALFA . BRIG C M I PEARSON . COMD 1 ATF .

BRAVO . LT COL P C GRATION . CO 1 AUST CA UNIT .

CHARLIE . MAJ M D CURRIE . APA (PSY OPS) HQ AFV .

DELTA . CAPT N L HORN . 1 AUST CA UNIT .

ECHO . CHAPLAIN S B FORD . RAAF .

FOXTROT . LT J B SULLIVAN . 1 AUST CA UNIT .

GOLF . SGT J A WILSON . 1 ARMD REGT .

HOTEL . SPR R ROWE . 1 FD SQN .

INDIA . SPR D ANNING . 1 AUST CA UNIT .

JULIET . LCPL A A TAIPETI . RNZIR .

TWO . TWO ADDITIONAL AWARDS ARE NOW TO BE MADE AT THE SPECIAL REQUEST OF THE VIETNAMESE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION . THESE WILL BE MADE TO COMAFV AND COMD NZ V FORCE

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To.....COMAFV.....

Subject ~~DETAIL FOR PRESENTATION OF VIETNAMESE GA AND~~ PSYOPS AWARDS.

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1. Itinerary advised by HQ 1 ATF is as follows:

   a. ~~0800~~ 0745 HRS Depart FWMAO for BARIA.

   b. 0910 Arrive NUI DAT KANGA Pad, Received Comd 1 ATF.

   c. 0915 Received at Flags Area HQ 1 ATF by Dep Comd. General Salute.

   d. 0935 Morning Tea Offrs Mess with recipients.

   e. 1000-1020 Briefing.

   f. 1020-1040 Tour of 1 ATF area.

   g. 1040 Fly to XA NGAI GIAO.

   h. 11.30 Depart XA NGAI GIAO.

2. Dress for Recipients. Jungle greens, Hats KF felt and lanyards.

3. Dress for others on Parade. Jungle greens, pistol belts, bush hats and SLRs.

4. Thirty soldiers on parade not including recipients.

5. Form of parade a hollow square with recipients forming one flank of thessquare. Parade will be commanded by a captain who is not a recipient.

3, Jul 69

(G.T. LOVEGROVE)
Maj
DAAG HQ AFV

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PRESENTATION OF VIETNAMESE AWARDS FOR CIVIC ACTION . OUR SD 12251 OF 29 JUL .

ONE . THE FOLLOWING AUST MEMBERS ARE TO RECEIVE AWARDS AT THE CEREMONY AT 1 ATF

OF PRI 1 AUG 69 CLN .

ALFA . MAJ GEN K A HAY MBE . COMAFV .

ALFA ~~BRAVO~~ . BRIG C N I PEARSON OBE MC . COMD 1 ATF .

BRAVO ~~CHARLIE~~ . LT COL P C GRATTON . CO 1 AUST CA UNIT .

~~CHARLIE~~ DELTA . MAJ M D CURRIE . APA(PSY OPS) HQ AFV .

etc ~~ECHO~~ . CAPT N L ROHN . 1 AUST CA UNIT .

FOXTROT . CHAPLAIN S B FORD . RAAF .

~~GOLF~~ . LT J B SULLIVAN . 1 AUST CA UNIT .

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JULIET • SPR D ANNING • 1 AUST CA UNIT •

TWO • NZ RECIPIENTS WILL BE CLN •

ALFA • LT COL K C FENTON • COMD NZ V FORCE •

BRAVO • LCPL A A TAIPETI • RNZIR •

THREE • RELEASE OF INFO CONTAINED IN THIS SIG TO BE LIMITED TO THAT REQ TO ARRANGE THE CEREMONY •

FOUR • ALL RECIPIENTS ARE TO BE INFORMED THAT THEY MAY RECEIVE THE AWARDS AT THE CEREMONY BUT MAY NOT ACCEPT OR WEAR THEM •

FIVE • MINISTER FOR INFORMATION WILL PROVIDE REQ READER FOR CITATION AND AIDE TO HANDLE AWARDS

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237 MAJOR-GENERAL ROBERT ARTHUR HAY, MBE

Major-General Hay assumed command of the Australian Forces in Vietnam on the twenty-fifth of February 1969. Since that time, in consultation with representatives of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam and his subordinate Army and Air Force Commanders, he has determined priorities for the Australian psychological operations and civic aid programmes. In particular, he has allocated the financial resources and supervised the implementation of the Military aspects of the programmes. By his interest, energy and enthusiasm Major-General Hay has been instrumental in the success which these Australian programmes have achieved.

3163 BRIGADIER CEDRIC MAUDSLEY INGRAM PEARSON, OBE, MC

Brigadier Pearson has served as Commander of the First Australian Task Force in Phuoc Tuy Province Vietnam since October 1968. In co-operation with Provincial authorities, the Army of the Republic of Vietnam and our United States allies, he has directed operations against the Communist Forces, planned the Australian civil affairs programme and provided resources to enable the Psychological Operations Programme to be expanded in support of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam. The results of his efforts have been outstanding and have permitted Phuoc Tuy Province to achieve a high degree of security and make significant progress in the Pacification and Development Campaign.

335037 LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETER COURTNEY GRATION

Lieutenant Colonel Gration arrived in South Vietnam on 17th March 1969. Since that time he has been Commanding Officer of the First Australian Civil Affairs Unit, First Australian Task Force. Under his command the unit has been responsible for advice and assistance in hamlet and village improvements, provision of medical and dental aid, education assistance and other civil affairs projects.

The fine record of the First Australian Civil Affairs Unit in the Pacification Programme is due largely to the personal leadership of Lieutenant Colonel Gration who by his enthusiasm and devotion to duty has inspired the confidence of province and district officials within Phuoc Tuy Province. His untiring efforts in all fields of civil affairs and pacification have been an inspiration to his men and a source of confidence to the South Vietnamese with whom he has been in contact.

335086 MAJOR MICHAEL DIXON CURRIE

Major Currie has served as Assistant Province Adviser, Psychological Operations in Phuoc Tuy Province since November 1968. In this appointment he has acted as adviser to the Vietnamese Information Service and to Chieu Hoi Programme Officials. He established the Provincial Psychological Operations and Information Co-ordination Centre which has co-ordinated the efforts, in the Province, of the Governments of the Republic of Vietnam, the United States of America and Australia.

Through his personal efforts the Psychological Operations Campaign in the Province has made considerable progress and the population has been provided with an increased amount of Governmental information from pamphlets, radio and cultural activities. This has resulted in a significant increase in the numbers of Hoi Chanh returnees in the Province.

0217659 CHAPLAIN STANLEY BRUCE FORD, RAAF

Chaplain Ford (0217659) RAAF was posted to No 2 Squadron, Phan Rang, RVN on 29th October 1968, Since this date, in addition to his normal duties, he has worked tirelessly, devoting much of his own time, towards the success of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam Pacification and Development Plan in the Ninh Thuan Province. His efforts have been particularly successful in providing assistance to a variety of local institutions such as the Tan Tai Orphanage, the Ninh Thuan Province Hospital, the Van Son Refugee Area and the Buddhist Boarding School, Phuoc Duc. He recently completed a civic action plan involving $VN1.5 million for the Ninh Thuan Province.

His major success has been achieved in the pacification of Ba Thap; this village, formerly a D class Hamlet under the Hamlet Evaluation Scheme, is now at least C class. The upgrading of Ba Thap is largely due to Chaplain Ford's efforts which include the development of a village Council, the institution of an IR-8 (Miracle Rice) scheme, building of two community centres and a two-class school, and a pig breeding project.

235211 CAPTAIN NEIL LESLIE HORN

Captain Horn is the senior Australian Liaison Officer at Sector Headquarters in Baria. His duties involve liaison between authorities at Sector and First Australian Task Force, on both operational and pacification matters. By his enthusiasm and close attention to detail Captain Horn has been responsible for establishing close liaison at district level and has done much to aid in the co-ordination of the Pacification Programme throughout Phuoc Tuy Province.

17985 LIEUTENANT JOHN BERNARD SULLIVAN

Lieutenant Sullivan has served as a Liaison Officer with the First Australian Civil Affairs Unit since 17 June 1968. His duties have brought him into close and continuous contact with many Vietnamese officials both civilian and military. Lieutenant Sullivan has conducted himself throughout with exceptional tact and understanding. His untiring efforts, coupled with his ability as a linguist, have made a very significant contribution to the forging of the closest links between the First Australian Task Force and the people and authorities of Phuoc Tuy Province. His duties often involved considerable personal risk in travelling many miles by road throughout the province with the ever present threat of enemy action. Lieutenant Sullivan's commendable devotion to duty has greatly enhanced the pacification programme in Phuoc Tuy Province.

15446 SERGEANT JOSEPH ARCHIBALD WILSON

For several months Sergeant Wilson has served as a Liaison Officer for the First Australian Task Force in the Duc Thanh district. Although his normal duties are restricted to non-commissioned officer tasks with B Squadron, First Armoured Regiment, he has performed most creditably to his Liaison Officer appointment. He has been extremely effective in cementing relationships between district authorities and the First Australian Task Force.

Sergeant Wilson has originated and co-ordinated many pacification projects and activities including village defences, road constructions, improvements to installations and constant field liaison. He is very well known throughout the district, particularly for his friendliness, favourable disposition, and industry.

2785369 SAPPER ROBERT ROWE

Sapper Rowe is a plant operator who has been actively involved in pacification projects since 1st May 1969. He normally operates a bulldozer with the Australian land clearing team in the Long Hai area. He has shown great energy and initiative in this work where he is openly exposed to enemy action. He was wounded in action on 19th June 1969 but volunteered to return to the team when he recovered from his wounds. He has also worked on road construction, bunker excavation, and other plant tasks in the populated areas of Dat Do, Long Dien, Hoa Long and Xuyen Moc. This cheerful and courageous soldier is an inspiration to his fellow plant operators in the execution of their important pacification tasks.

55690 SAPPER DEREK ANNING

Sapper Anning has served as a bricklayer with the First Australian Civil Affairs Unit since 20th January, 1969. During this period he has worked on numerous construction projects as part of the pacification campaign. In addition to applying his own trade skill, he has developed an outstanding ability for work on the construction of windmills which are being erected in hamlets throughout the province to improve water supplies. His duties on these projects have involved considerable personal risk, not only from the dangers normally attendant to the erection of high towers, but also from the threat of enemy action against small parties working in isolated areas. Despite these dangers he continually displayed enthusiasm, ingenuity and devotion to duty well beyond that normally expected of a private soldier. He has set a commendable example.

30202 LIEUTENANT COLONEL KENNETH CHARLES FENTON

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth Charles Fenton was appointed Commander of the New Zealand Vietnam Forces in Jul 68. In this capacity, he has been responsible for liaison with the appropriate authorities on behalf of the New Zealanders in Vietnam in civic action and psychological activities.

In particular, he has directed the activities of the New Zealand Services Medical Team at BONG SON in BINH DINH Province. The outstanding results achieved by the Team in treating and helping the people of BINH DINH have been largely due to his leadership.

In PHUOC TUY, in co-operation with the Vietnamese authorities and other Free World Forces, he has provided support to the Australian/ New Zealand Force in civic action and psychological operations. The tremendous progress made by the Province towards peace and prosperity is a measure of the success of this total programme.

Lieutenant Colonel Fenton has always displayed a personal interest and enthusiasm in these programmes and the contribution made by the New Zealand representatives, illustrates clearly his participation.

542634 LANCE CORPORAL ANDREW ANARU TAIPETI

Lance Corporal Taipeti of the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment is an acting Section Commander of W Company 6 RAR/NZ (ANZAC Battalion). He has been engaged in tasks in and around the villages of Dat Do district, Phuoc Tuy province. Apart from this non-commissioned officer's fine qualities as a soldier and his courageous behavior on several occasions, he has shown an intelligent understanding of the local civilian population, their needs and their problems. Lance Corporal Taipeti's performance during recent pacification operations has been a credit to both himself, his unit and his country.

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PRESENTATION OF VIETNAMESE AWARDS FOR CIVIC ACTION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACHIEVEMENTS .

ONE . THE VIETNAMESE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION CHM PROFESSOR NGUYEN NGOC AN IS VISITING PHUOC TUY PROVINCE ON THE MORNING OF 1 AUG AND WISHES TO MAKE A PRESENTATION OF VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN MEDAL AWARDS TO AUSTRALIAN AND NZ MEMBERS OF 1 ATF AS PART OF A PUBLIC OCCASION . COMATV HAS APPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH ATV SOPS PARA 3008 .

TWO . MINISTERS ITINERARY IS AS FOLLOWS .

ALPHA . 0900 HRS LEAVE FMAO FOR CEREMONY WITH US OFFICERS AT BARIA .

BRAVO . 0910 HRS ARRIVE NUI DAT AND FOLLOW ITINERARY PREPARED BY HQ 1 ATF .

CHARLIE. 1130 HRS DEPART FOR FMAO .

THREE . WITH REGARD TO PARA 3B ABOVE CMH FOLLOWING SUGGESTED AFTER DISCUSSIONS WITH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS . PRESENTATION CEREMONY AT 0915 FOLLOWED BY MORNING TEA TO ALLOW MINISTER TO TALK TO RECIPIENTS . 1000 HRS BRIEFING BY COMD ON BOTH OPERATIONS AND CIVIC ACTION FOLLOWED BY TOUR OF NUI DAT WITHOUT STOPPING AT ANY UNITS . VISITS BY MH TO AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AFFAIRS PROJECTS IN PROVINCE .

FOUR . MINISTER WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY LT GEN TAM CHAIRMAN FMAO AND THREE

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SIX . THREE VIETNAMESE PRESS AND TV MEN WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE DIRECT AT NUI
DAT IN US RW AC AT 0900 .

SEVEN . THE DETAILS OF RECIPIENTS OF THESE AWARDS AND CEREMONIAL DETAILS WILL
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C O N F I D E N T I A L A1454 PERSONAL FOR DAAG. PACIFICATION PROGRAMME CITATIONS. 542634 L CPL ANDREW ANARU TAIPETI CMM RNZIR CMM 6RAR/NZ(ANZAC) CMM ACTING SECTION COMMANDER. BORN 4 AUG 43 CMM 7 NOV 64. NOK CMM BROTHER CMM MR F TAIPETI CMM 74 VALLEY RD CMM WHAKATANE CMM NEW ZEALAND.

ONE. LANCE CORPORAL TAIPETI IS AN ACTING SECTION COMMANDER OF W COMPANY 6RAR/NZ(ANZAC). HE HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN TASKS IN AND AROUND THE VILLAGES OF DAT DO DISTRICT CMM PHUOC TUY PROVINCE.

TWO. APART FROM THIS NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS FINE QUALITIES AS A SOLDIER AND HIS COURAGEOUS BEHAVIOUS ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS CMM HE HAS SHOWN AN INTELLIGENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE LOCAL CIVILIAN POPULATION CMM THEIR NEEDS AND THEIR PROBLEMS.

THREE. LANCE CORPORAL TAIPETI'S PERFORMANCE DURING RECENT PACIFICATION OPERATIONS HAS BEEN A CREDIT TO BOTH HIMSELF AND HIS UNIT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L A1448 PERSONAL FOR DAAG. PACIFICATION PROGRAMME CITATIONS. 335037 LT COL PETER COURTNEY GRATION RAE CMM CO 1 AUST CA UNIT CMM BORN 6 JAN 32 CMM ENL 9 DEC 52 CMM NOK CMM WIFE CMM 31 HAWKER STREET CMM TORRENS ACT.

ONE. LIEUTENANT COLONEL PETER GRATION ARRIVED IN SOUTH VIETNAM ON 17TH MARCH 1969. SINCE THAT TIME HE HAS BEEN COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE 1ST AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT CMM 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE. UNDER HIS COMMAND THE UNIT HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN HAMLET AND VILLAGE IMPROVEMENTS CMM PROVISION OF MEDICAL AND DENTAL AID CMM EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AND OTHER CIVIL AFFAIRS PROJECTS.

TWO. THE FINE RECORD OF THE 1ST AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT IN THE PACIFICATION PROGRAMME IS DUE LARGELY TO THE PERSONAL LEADERSHIP OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL GRATION WHO BY HIS ENTHUSIASM AND DEVOTION TO DUTY HAS INSPIRED THE CONFIDENCE OF PROVINCE AND DISTRICT OFFICIALS

WITHIN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE. HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS IN ALL FIELDS OF CIVIL AFFAIRS AND PACIFICATION HAVE BEEN AN INSPIRATION TO HIS MEN AND A SOURCE OF CONFIDENCE TO THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE WITH WHOM HE HAS BEEN IN CONTACT

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C O N F I D E N T I A L A1450. PERSONAL FOR DAAG. PACIFICATION PROGRAMME CITATIONS. 235211 CAPT NEIL LESLIE HORN CMM RA SIGS CMM LIAISON OFFR CMM 1ST AUST TF. BORN 28 AUG 41 CMM ENL 13 DEC 61. NOK CMM WIFE CMM MRS NL HORN CMM 6 CASHMERE ST CMM KEPERRA CMM QLD.

ONE. CAPTAIN NEIL HORN IS THE SENIOR AUSTRALIAN LIAISON OFFICER AT SECTOR HEADQUARTERS IN BARIA. HIS DUTIES INVOLVE LIAISON BETWEEN AUTHORITIES AT SECTOR AND 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE CMM ON BOTH OPERATIONAL AND PACIFICATION MATTERS.

TWO. BY HIS ENTHUSIASM AND CLOSE ATTENTION TO DETAIL CAPTAIN HORN HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR ESTABLISHING AN INTIMATE RELATIONSHIP TOGETHER WITH CLOSE LIAISON AT DISTRICT LEVEL HAS DONE MUCH TO AID IN THE COORDINATION OF THE PACIFICATION PROGRAMME THROUGHOUT PHUOC TUY PROVINCE.

THREE. CAPTAIN HORN'S SINCERITY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY HAVE CONTRIBUTED GREATLY TO THE PACIFICATION EFFORTS IN THE PROVINCE

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1. Chaplain Stanley Bruce Ford (0217659) RAAF was posted to No 2 Squadron, Phan Rang, RVN on 29th October 1968. Since this date, in addition to his normal duties, he has worked tirelessly, devoting much of his own time, towards the success of the Government of the Republic of Vietnam Pacification and Development Plan in the Ninh Thuan Province.

2. His efforts have been particularly successful in providing assistance to a variety of local institutions such as the Tan Tai Orphanage, the Ninh Thuan Province Hospital, the Van Son Refugee Area and the Buddhist Boarding School, Phuo Duc; he recently completed a civic action plan involving $VN1.5 million for the Ninh Thuan Province.

3. His major success has been achieved in the pacification of Ba Thap; this village, formerly a D class Hamlet under the Hamlet Evaluation Scheme, is now at least C class. The upgrading of Ba Thap is largely due to Chaplain Ford's efforts which include the development of a Village Council, the institution of an IR-8 (Miracle Rice) scheme, building of two community centres and a two-class school, and a pig breeding project.

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PROGRAMME CITATIONS. 17985 LT(PROV) JOHN BERNARD SULLIVAN CMM RAE CMM LIAISON OFFR CMM 1ST AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT. BORN 14 JAN 41 CMM ENL 17 APR 63. NOK CMM MOTHER CMM MRS K ORMAN CMM

8 WESTFIELD AVENUE CMM BARNES SW 13 CMM LONDON.

ONE. LIEUTENANT SULLIVAN HAS SERVED AS A LIAISON OFFICER WITH THE 1ST AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT SINCE 17 JUN 68. HIS DUTIES HAVE BROUGHT HIM INTO CLOSE AND CONTINUOUS CONTACT WITH MANY VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY.

TWO. LIEUTENANT SULLIVAN HAS CONDUCTED HIMSELF THROUGHOUT WITH EXCEPTIONAL TACT AND UNDERSTANDING. HIS UNTIRING EFFORTS

CMM COUPLED WITH HIS ABILITY AS A LINGUIST CMM HAVE MADE A VERY SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE FORGING OF THE CLOSEST POSSIBLE LINKS BETWEEN THE 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE AND THE PEOPLE AND AUTHORITIES OF PHUOC TUY PROVINCE. HIS DUTIES OFTEN INVOLVED

CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL RISK IN TRAVELLING MANY MILES BY ROAD THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE WITH THE EVER PRESENT THREAT OF MINES OR

AMBUSH.

THREE. LIEUTENANT SULLIVAN S COMMENDABLE DEVOTION TO DUTY HAS

GREATLY ENCHANCED THE PACIFICATION PROGRAMME IN PHUOC TUY PROVINCE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L A1449 PERSONAL FOR DAAG. PACIFICATION PROGRAMME CITATIONS. 15446 SGT JOSEPH ARCHIBALD WILSON CMM RAAC CMM B SQN 1 ARMD REGT CMM CREW COMD AFV. BORN 9 JAN 32 ENL 20 NOV 59. NOK CMM WIFE CMM MRS JA WILSON CMM 22 RAMU CRESCENT CMM PUCKAPUNYAL CMM VIC.

ONE. FOR SEVERAL MONTHS SERGEANT WILSON HAS SERVED AS A 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE LIAISON OFFICER IN THE DUC THANH DISTRICT. ALTHOUGH HIS NORMAL DUTIES ARE RESTRICTED TO NON- COMMISSIONED OFFICER TASKS WITH B SQUADRON 1ST ARMOURED REGIMENT CMM HE HAS RESPONDED MOST FAVOURABLY TO HIS LIAISON OFFICER APPOINTMENT. HE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE IN CEMENTING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN DISTRICT AUTHORITIES AND 1ST AUSTRALIAN TASK FORCE.

TWO. MANY PACIFICATION PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ORIGINATED

OR COORDINATED BY SERGEANT WILSON. PROJECTS HAVE INCLUDED VILLAGE DEFENCES CMM ROAD CONSTRUCTION CMM INSTALLATION IMPROVEMENTS AND CONSTANT FIELD LIAISON. HE IS VERY WELL KNOWN THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT CMM PARTICULARLY FOR HIS FRIENDLINESS CMM FAVOURABLE DISPOSITION CMM AND WORKMANSHIP

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C O N F I D E N T I A L A1451 PERSONAL FOR DAAG. PACIFICATION PROGR-
AMME CITATIONS. 2785369 SPR ROBERT ROWE CMM RAE CMM PLANT OPERATOR

CMM 1ST FIELD SQUADRON RAE. BORN 10 OCT 45 CMM ENL 28 SEP 66. NOK CMM
FATHER CMM AAJ ROWE CMM 86 DART ST CMM OBERON CMM NSW.
ONE. SAPPER ROWE IS A PLANT OPERATOR WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED
IN PACIFICATION PROJECTS SINCE 1ST MAY 1969. HE NORMALLY OPERATES
A BULLDOZER WITH THE AUSTRALIAN LAND CLEARING TEAM IN THE LONG HAI
AREA. HE HAS SHOWN GREAT ENERGY AND INITIATIVE IN THIS WORK WHERE
HE IS OPENLY EXPOSED TO ENEMY ACTION.
TWO. HE WAS WOUNDED IN ACTION ON 19TH JUNE 1969 BUT VOLUNTEERED
TO RETURN TO THE TEAM WHEN HE RECOVERED FROM HIS WOUNDS. HE HAS

ALSO WORKED ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION CMM BUNKER EXCAVATION CMM AND

OTHER PLANT TASKS IN THE POPULATED AREAS OF DAT DO CMM LONG DIEN CMM
HOA LONG AND XUYEN MOC.
THREE. THIS CHEERFUL AND COURAGEOUS SOLDIER IS AN INSPIRATION TO HIS
FELLOW PLANT OPERATORS IN THE EXECUTION OF THEIR MOST IMPORTANT
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C O N F I D E N T I A L A1452 PERSONAL FOR DAAG. PACIFICATION PROGRAMME CITATIONS. 55690 SPR DEREK ANNING CMM RAE CMM BRICK-LAYER CMM 1ST AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT. BORN 6 DEC 43 CMM ENL 19 MAR 68. NOK CMM WIFE CMM J S ANNING CMM 146 GWENYFRED ROAD CMM SOUTH PERTH CMM WA.

ONE. SAPPER ANNING HAS SERVED AS A BRICKLAYER WITH THE 1ST AUSTRALIAN CIVIL AFFAIRS UNIT SINCE 20TH JANUARY 1969. DURING THIS PERIOD HE HAS WORKED ON NUMEROUS CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AS PART OF THE PACIFICATION CAMPAIGNS.

TWO. IN ADDITION TO APPLYING HIS OWN TRADE SKILL CMM HE HAS DEVELOPED AN OUTSTANDING ABILITY FOR WORK ON THE CONSTRUCTION OF WINDMILLS WHICH ARE BEING ERECTED IN HAMLETS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE TO IMPROVE WATER SUPPLIES. HIS DUTIES ON THESE PROJECTS HAVE INVOLVED CONSIDERABLE PERSONAL RISK CMM NOT ONLY FROM THE DANGERS NORMALLY ATTENDANT TO THE ERECTION OF HIGH TOWERS CMM BUT ALSO FROM THE THREAT OF ENEMY ACTION AGAINST SMALL PARTIES WORKING IN ISOLATED AND

AREAS. DESPITE THESE DANGERS HE CONTINUALLY DISPLAYED ENTHUSIASM CMM INGENUITY AND DEVOTION TO DUTY WELL BEYOND THAT MORMALLY EXPECTED OF A PRIVATE SOLDIER.

THREE. HE HAS SET A COMMENDABLE EXAMPLE

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PRESENTATION OF VIETNAMESE AWARDS FOR CIVIC ACTION AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ACHIEVEMENTS .

ONE . IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARAGRAPH 3008 OF AFV SOP'S I HAVE AGREED TO THE RECEIPT OF ~~8~~ 10 VIETNAMESE CIVILIAN MEDAL AWARDS TO BE PRESENTED BY THE VIETNAMESE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION AS PART OF A PUBLIC OCCASION WHEN HE VISITS THE PROVINCE AND THE TASK FORCE ON FRIDAY 1 AUG 69 .

TWO . THESE AWARDS ARE BEING MADE IN RECOGNITION OF OUR CURRENT EFFORTS IN THE PROVINCE .

THREE . THIS INFORMATION RECEIVED AT 1200 HOURS 29 JUL .

FOUR . RECIPIENTS NOT YET SELECTED BUT WILL BE SELECTED WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS .

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FIVE . THE MINISTER FOR INFORMATION IS ALSO PRESENTING SIMILAR AWARDS TO US PERSONNEL IN THE PROVINCE .

SIX . THE VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES ARE FULLY AWARE THAT THE MEDALS CANNOT BE QUOTE ACCEPTED AND WORN UNQUOTE AND WILL ONLY BE QUOTE RECEIVED UNQUOTE .

SEVEN . PROPOSED ALLOCATION AS FOLLOWS CLN

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