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CANBERRA ACT 2600

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It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved the following awards.

MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (MG)

Australian Army

Mr Richard Kenneth HAWKINS

Qld

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as a machine gunner with 6 Platoon, B company, 2nd Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment on 15 December 1970.

Mr Ian Aubrey REID

Qld

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as the Platoon Medical Assistant with 7 Platoon, Charlie Company, 7th Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment during a platoon ambush near the village of Phuoc Loi in South Vietnam on 30 April 1970.

By His Excellency's command

Mark Fraser LVO OAM

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as a machine gunner with 6 Platoon, B company, 2nd Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment on 15 December 1970.

Mr (then Private) Hawkins displayed extreme gallantry and disregard for personal safety. During the fighting he showed effective leadership and determination in holding his position against a superior enemy force. At all times he displayed the finest qualities of a fighting soldier.

Mr Ian Aubrey REID, Qld

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as the Platoon Medical Assistant with 7 Platoon, Charlie Company, 7th Battalion the Royal Australian Regiment during a platoon ambush near the village of Phuoc Loi in South Vietnam on 30 April 1970.

Mr (then Private) Reid displayed extreme courage, fortitude and devotion to duty in rendering medical assistance to a severely wounded member of his unit whilst under extreme fire from assault rifles and rocket propelled grenades for over ten minutes, and remained in this position for over 30 minutes despite the close presence of the enemy. He showed no regard for his own safety, continuing to tend to the wounded man while awaiting for the position to be rendered sufficiently safe for medical evacuation to be arranged.