CASUALTIES FROM BOOBY TRAP

Three officers - two Australians and a New Zealander - were killed, and an Australian officer and four soldiers wounded, when a Viet Cong booby trap exploded in Vietnam yesterday.

The Australians, all members of 5th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment, and the New Zealander, a member of the 161st Field Battery, Royal New Zealand Artillery, were taking part in an operation near the village of An Nhut, in Phuoc Tuy province.

The wounded were evacuated to 2nd Field Ambulance, at Vung Tau.

The Australian casualties were:

KILLED

- Major Donald Mackenzie Bourne, 35, married, of Watson, Canberra, ACT, officer commanding C company.
- Captain Robert Bruce Milligan, 30, single, of Petersham, NSW.

WOUNDED

- Second Lieutenant John Hugh Deane-Butcher, 21, single, of Warwick, Queensland. Minor shrapnel wounds, remained on duty.
- Private Ian William Foran, 21, single, of Mt Isa, Queensland. Shrapnel wounds, condition serious.
- Private David Bruce Schmidtchen, 20, married, of Oakey, Qld. Minor shrapnel wounds. Condition satisfactory.
- Private William Czekaj, 21, single, of Graceville, Brisbane. Shock and shrapnel wounds. Condition satisfactory.
- Private Peter William Craib, 20, single, of Albany, WA. Minor shrapnel wounds. Condition satisfactory.

List A & B

Further Information
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