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## Gallantry Decorations - December 2025

The Governor-General is pleased to announce the following Gallantry Decorations:

### STAR OF GALLANTRY (SG)

**The late Lance Corporal Kerry Michael ROONEY**

For conspicuous gallantry in action in circumstances of great peril as a Section Commander 5 Platoon, Bravo Company, 6th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment during Operation BRIBIE, South Vietnam on 17 February 1967.

### COMMENDATION FOR GALLANTRY

**Colonel Geoffrey Charles SKARDON (Retd)**

For acts of gallantry in action in August 1964.

By Her Excellency's command

**Gerard Martin PSM**

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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The late Lance Corporal Kerry Michael Rooney led his section in an assault on a large, well-equipped enemy force. The majority of 5 Platoon were shot and wounded in this charge and fell short of their objective. Lance Corporal Rooney gathered his composure, dropped to one knee and threw hand grenades at the machine gun pit. He then rose for a second time and continued as ordered to undertake highly aggressive efforts to neutralise the machine gun post to his front. Acting alone and vastly outnumbered, Lance Corporal Rooney, in a successful attempt to divert gunfire from his wounded comrades, drew fire upon himself and, within metres of the enemy position, was fatally wounded. His conspicuous gallantry in action in circumstances of great peril were in keeping with the finest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

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For acts of gallantry in action in August 1964.

Colonel (then Lieutenant) Skardon advanced under enemy fire to pull a wounded patrol member to safety in warlike operations in 1964. After dragging the injured soldier to a relatively safe position, it became apparent the soldier had succumbed to his injuries and was deceased. Colonel Skardon returned fire then broke contact. Alone, Colonel Skardon withdrew to a predetermined rendezvous point to meet the remainder of his patrol, where they were extricated.