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Gallantry Decorations – March 2026

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

MEDAL FOR GALLANTRY (MG)

Sergeant Garry John CHAD

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances with 7 Platoon, 4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment in Long Khanh Province in Vietnam on 29 July 1971.

The *Mention in Despatches* awarded in July 1972 for the same action has been cancelled.

The late Mr (then Driver) Norman Ted NYE

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as a tank driver from 2/6th Armoured Regiment in World War II at Buna, New Guinea on 24 December 1942.

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By Her Excellency's command

Gerard Martin PSM

Official Secretary to the Governor-General

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Sergeant Chad performed acts of gallantry in the Long Khanh Province, Vietnam on 29 July 1971. While towards the rear of 7 Platoon, C Company, 4 RAR, a heavily defended bunker system by a numerically superior enemy force was encountered. Sergeant Chad advanced to take control of the forward elements which were being pinned down by heavy enemy fire. He was wounded after engaging the enemy with rifle white phosphorus grenades which eliminated their command group, machine gun group and rocket propelled grenade capacity. Despite his wound, Sergeant Chad continued to direct his fire with an accuracy and lethality that enabled the forward elements of his platoon to withdraw with only light casualties; he was the last of the platoon to retreat. Sergeant Chad's aggressiveness, boldness and professional skills undoubtedly saved many lives and regained the initiative. His selfless actions in the face of danger exemplified the highest tradition of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.

The late Mr (then Driver) Norman Ted NYE

For acts of gallantry in action in hazardous circumstances as a tank driver from 2/6th Armoured Regiment in World War II at Buna, New Guinea on 24 December 1942.

Driver Norman Ted Nye, of the 2/6th Armoured Regiment, displayed outstanding gallantry as a tank driver under intense enemy fire on 24 December 1942, during the battle for the Old Buna (Air) Strip in New Guinea. When his M3 Stuart Light Tank was hit by a Japanese 75mm Type 88 Anti-Aircraft gun, killing one crew member and severely wounding three others, Driver Nye evacuated the vehicle and, under heavy machine gun fire and mortar fire, ran to warn a nearby tank of the threat. He then returned to his badly damaged tank to rescue and tend to the critically wounded crew, relocating them safely to a nearby crater. Despite ongoing enemy fire from the Japanese forces, Driver Nye made repeated perilous trips to fetch water for the wounded over a five-hour period. His selfless actions in the face of grave danger exemplified the highest traditions of the Australian Army and the Australian Defence Force.