

Text of Citation for award of Mentioned-in-Despatches  
to Second Lieutenant Ian Jones

Second Lieutenant Ian Jones was commissioned on 9th December, 1967 and was allotted to the Royal Australian Infantry. He was posted to 9th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment. He arrived in Vietnam on 20th November, 1968.

Second Lieutenant Jones has commanded his platoon with distinction in many operations against the enemy.

On 19th January, 1969 his platoon contacted a group of enemy moving along a track. After an initial fire-fight, he led his platoon in a vigorous assault on the enemy position. His action resulted in four enemy being killed and one wounded without loss to his platoon.

On 2nd October, 1969, his platoon shot and wounded one enemy. Whilst moving to capture the wounded man, his platoon came under intense automatic fire from a large enemy force. During the next hour, in spite of being directly exposed to enemy fire himself, he calmly and with great skill directed the fire of his platoon, controlled an armed helicopter strike, repelled the enemy, captured the prisoner and evacuated one of his own wounded by air. At one stage he had his own webbing shot from his body, but he continued to show the same determination and courage that characterised all his actions.

By his leadership, personal bravery and tactical ability, Second Lieutenant Jones has been an inspiration to his platoon and has earned the highest respect of all who served with him.