

Text of Citation for award of Mentioned-in-Despatches to Major John A. Sheldrick

Major John Sheldrick was commissioned on 12th December, 1956. After a number of regimental and training appointments he was posted to 9th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment on 15th December, 1967 as Officer Commanding Support Company. He arrived in South Vietnam on 5th November 1968.

In addition to commanding Support Company, Major Sheldrick was the operations officer of the battalion. He was responsible for the detailed co-ordination of the Commanding Officer's plans for the battalion and supporting arms, and for liaison with neighbouring units and headquarters. Throughout his service in South Vietnam he carried out every task thoroughly and competently. He worked very long hours to ensure that everything possible was done to help the battalion to carry out its tasks. By his professional approach to all problems, hard work and tact, he helped beyond measure to develop the cohesion and co-operation between the companies of the battalion and supporting arms which in turn contributed enormously to the overall operational efficiency and effectiveness of the battalion group.

In all these tasks, Major Sheldrick has displayed the highest degree of selfless endeavour. His personal integrity, his attention to detail and his forceful, yet restrained leadership have earned the highest respect from all who serve with him in the battalion.