

**Military Medal (MM)
John Leonard Adams**

41444. Lance Corporal.
Royal NZ Infantry Regiment
Victor Six Company

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CITATION

Lance Corporal John Adams joined the New Zealand Army on 1st September, 1969 and was posted to the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.

He joined 4th Battalion, The Royal Australian Regiment/New Zealand (ANZAC), in South Vietnam **on 7th May, 1971** as a member of Victor Six Company.

On 25th June 1971¹, in Phuoc Tuy Province, Lance Corporal Adams' platoon, supported by tanks and armoured personnel carriers, attacked a heavily defended bunker system occupied by 1st Battalion, 274 Regiment. A tank close to Lance Corporal Adams was struck by enemy rocket fire causing all three members of the crew to become casualties.

Displaying outstanding initiative, Lance Corporal Adams led a party to extract the wounded from the crippled tank and despite intense and accurate enemy fire which was being directed at him, he mounted the tank to give further guidance to his men and encouragement to the wounded. Lance Corporal Adams then arranged the evacuation of the wounded by helicopter.

Lance Corporal Adams' initiative, courage and leadership contributed significantly to the outcome of the battle and undoubtedly saved the life of at least one member of the tank crew.

His actions since this occasion have been of the same high standard and reflect great credit upon himself, his Regiment and the New Zealand Army.

¹ 25/6/71 Pte Mokomoko PP, WIA; LCpl Robertson LI, WIA; LCpl Templeton LN, WIA; Pte Taitoko JR, WIA.