

Member of the Order of British Empire (MBE)

Thomas Gerald Martin

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161 Battery

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CITATION

Major Thomas Martin graduated from the Royal Military College, Duntroon, on 14th December, 1954 and was commissioned in the Royal New Zealand Artillery. He arrived in Vietnam in May, 1967 to take command of 161st Field Battery.

Throughout his service in Vietnam Major Martin has displayed outstanding leadership and has achieved first-class results with his battery. His drive, enthusiasm, devotion to duty and professional ability were exceptional and it was through his efforts largely that the battery achieved and maintained a high standard of operational efficiency and morale.

Major Martin's marked ability to cooperate with others was largely responsible for the happy and successful integration of his battery in an Australian Field Regiment. At all times he had also the complete confidence and respect of the supported arms, which resulted in first-class support for these units in every action in which Major Martin took part; his skilful and aggressive direction of the fire of his battery was often instrumental in ensuring the successful outcome of an action and generally resulted in the reduction of the number of casualties sustained by the battalion.

The professional ability, outstanding leadership and personal courage of Major Martin were an inspiration to his battery and to the officers and men of 4th Field Regiment and reflect great credit upon himself, his Regiment and the New Zealand Army.