

**Mention in Despatches (m.i.d.)  
William Charles Teller**

43852. Lance Corporal.  
Royal NZ Infantry Regiment  
Whiskey Three Company

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**Citation**

Lance Corporal Teller joined the New Zealand Regular Army on 6th September 1968 and was posted to the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. He joined Whiskey Three Company in May 1969 and arrived in South Vietnam with the Company **in November 1969**.

Lance Corporal Teller both as a rifleman and section second in command has given a most commendable performance during his year of active service duty. During the period November 1969 to May 1970 as a rifleman he was wounded on two occasions.

At the time of his second wounding on 22nd May 1970<sup>1</sup> he refused medical treatment until he had indicated to other members of his platoon the location of the enemy snipers. His cool confidence under fire at the time of this contact was most exemplary.

On 21st Jul 1970<sup>2</sup> Lance Corporal Teller's platoon made contact with six enemy. The return fire from the enemy immobilised the leading section's machine gun group. Without regard to his own safety he quickly organised the moving forward of his own section machine gun and as a result a potential dangerous situation was thwarted.

The leadership qualities displayed in this action were of the highest order, and reflect great credit on himself, his Regiment, and the New Zealand Army.

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<sup>1</sup> 22/5/70 LCpl Teller WC WIA; tba

<sup>2</sup> 21/7/70 Pte Jane PR, WIA; Cpl Simons DR, WIA; Pte Turner DR, WIA.