

**Mention in Despatches (m.i.d.)
Evan John Torrance**

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Whiskey Three Company

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Citation

Major Torrance joined the New Zealand Army on 24th January 1955 and graduated into the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment from the Royal Military College Duntroon on 10th December 1958.

Major Torrance began the raising and training of Whiskey Company 1st Battalion The Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment at Terendak Camp in May 1969. The company joined the 6th The Royal Australian Regiment/New Zealand (ANZAC) Battalion in operations in South Vietnam in November 1969 and was subsequently transferred to the 2nd The Royal Australian Regiment/New Zealand (ANZAC) Battalion on 15th May 1970.

During its period of service in South Vietnam Whiskey Company showed itself to be a well-organised, well-trained and competent rifle company which could be relied upon to tackle aggressively any task allotted to it. The success of the company is due largely to the leadership of Major Torrance who has shown himself to be an imaginative, determined and aggressive officer and whose control of the company in action has been an inspiration and high example to the other officers of the ANZAC Battalion

Major Torrance's leadership, integrity and professional competency reflect great credit upon himself, his Regiment and the New Zealand Army.