

**British Empire Medal (BEM)
Frederic Donald Barclay**

677105. Staff Sergeant.
Royal NZ Infantry Regiment.
NZ Special Air Service

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CITATION

Staff Sergeant Barclay enlisted in the New Zealand Army in April 1959 and served with 2nd Battalion, New Zealand Regiment on active service in Malaya until 1962.

In September 1963 he returned to Malaysia to join 1st Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. He again saw active service, this time as a Section Commander during the Indonesian landings on the West Coast of the Malaysian Peninsular in 1964.

In May 1965 he became a member of 1 Ranger Squadron, New Zealand Special Air Service in the rank of corporal and in five years has progressed to the rank of Staff Sergeant. In 1966 he served in Borneo on active service as a patrol commander.

He was again posted to active service as the troop sergeant of the original 4 Troop NZSAS in the Republic of Vietnam from **November 1968 to December 1969**.

Whilst serving with 4 Troop NZSAS as Troop Sergeant, Staff Sergeant Barclay displayed outstanding leadership qualities. His coolness and marksmanship, combined with outstanding bravery, together with his courage under fire, set an exemplary example to the Australian and New Zealand Special Air Service soldiers serving under his command. During his tour in the Republic of Vietnam his patrols sighted a total of two hundred and eighty-eight enemy. His patrols were involved in nine heavy contacts in which sixteen enemy were killed. During these contacts Staff Sergeant Barclay was wounded twice¹.

On 2nd January 1969² he was on patrol with five Australian Special Air Service soldiers when they were engaged by over seventy Viet Cong Regional and Main Force soldiers. Although wounded Staff Sergeant Barclay was successful in helping to extract the patrol which killed seven enemy and wounded one without loss to them.

Staff Sergeant Barclay's professionalism, his dedication to duty, his courage under combat conditions and skill as a Special Air Service soldier, combined

¹ 6.8.69 Sgt Barclay FD WIA; Tpr Peti S WIA; LCpl Wanoa P WIA.

² 2.1.69 Sgt Barclay FD WIA.

with his leadership and loyalty have brought credit on both himself and the New Zealand Army in New Zealand and overseas.