

National Order of the Republic of Vietnam (5th Class)

Valentine Brinsden Brown

30250. Lieutenant Colonel
Royal NZ Infantry Regiment
Headquarters NZ V Force

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CITATION

Lieutenant Colonel VALENTINE B. BROWN has served as Commander of New Zealand Force in the Republic of Vietnam since **August 13, 1970**.

While New Zealand troops were fighting the communists in Phuoc Tuy province, he often visited them in action in contested areas to encourage them in their efforts and to gain first hand knowledge of the needs of New Zealand infantrymen and artillerymen.

He was responsible for establishing a New Zealand Training Team at Chi Lang National Training Centre to improve the combat effectiveness of Regional Forces in the Delta.

During his tour in Vietnam, he has arranged substantial financial assistance for Vietnamese hospitals and orphanages. In particular, he is at present arranging the construction of a secondary school near Chi Lang National Training Centre.

Lieutenant Colonel BROWN, by his example and dedication has assisted the Vietnamese people in their struggle against communism and in doing so has exemplified the best traditions of the New Zealand Army.

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