

**Member of the Order of British Empire (MBE)**

**David William Joseph Faulkner** 36832. Warrant Officer Second Class.  
Royal NZ Infantry Regiment  
Victor Two Company

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**CITATION**

Warrant Officer David William Joseph Faulkner joined the New Zealand Army as a Regular Force Cadet in January 1953. He served in Malaya with the 1st Battalion New Zealand Regiment from December 1957 to December 1958 and again with 2nd Battalion New Zealand Regiment from September 1959 to December 1961. On returning to New Zealand in December 1961, he was posted to the School of Infantry, The Army Schools, as an Instructor, and remained in this appointment until October 1965. From November 1965 until November 1967 Warrant Officer Faulkner again served in Malaysia, this time with the 1st Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment, and was employed as Company Sergeant Major of B Company.

During the period that the 1st Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment was deployed for operations in Borneo, May to September 1966, Warrant Officer Faulkner was employed as Operations Warrant Officer at one of the Battalion's Forward Operational Bases at GUNAN GAJAK. In this appointment he was responsible for the control and administration of Border Scouts and for the interrogation of all cross Border traders. The detailed care and attention which he paid to this work resulted in the collection of a vast quantity of information which enabled the intelligence staffs to produce accurate and detailed reports on enemy camps, installations and future enemy intentions. This information was to prove invaluable during subsequent operations.

**In November 1967** he was posted to Vietnam as Company Sergeant Major of Victor Two Company, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment and he remained in this appointment **until May 1968**.

During operations in Vietnam, Warrant Officer Faulkner's ability as an organiser, administrator, disciplinarian and instructor was of great value to the soldiers in V Company, 1st Battalion, Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. The success of this Company's operations and the good disciplinary record which they attained, were due very largely to the loyalty, devotion to duty and quiet efficiency which this Warrant Officer displayed over a prolonged period of employment in Vietnam. His coolness and efficiency during operations and when the Company was in contact with enemy forces had a very steadying influence on his subordinates. His overall performance as a Warrant Officer of the Royal New

Zealand Infantry Regiment in both Borneo and Vietnam operations was exemplary and in the traditions of his Corps.