

**Military Medal (MM)
Robert Wayne Day**

40066. Private.
Royal NZ Infantry Regiment
Victor Five Company

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CITATION

Private Day enlisted in the New Zealand Army on 2nd September 1968 and was posted to the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment.

He was posted to Victor Company in Malaysia in May 1969 and arrived in South Vietnam with Victor Five Company **in May 1970**.

On 18th June 1970¹ during Operation “Cung Chung” Private Day was on patrol with 2 Platoon, Victor Five Company acting as the platoon medical orderly. At approximately 0750 hours, while engaged in a reconnaissance of an enemy camp the platoon received several casualties from a command detonated 105mm shell. At the same time the platoon came under heavy small arms fire and further casualties occurred. Private Day calmly moved among the wounded and gave medical assistance.

In an attempt to reach the most badly wounded soldier who was located only 10 metres from the enemy position, Private Day moved to one side of the platoon, and completely disregarding intense enemy fire, rendered assistance to the wounded man. At this stage the platoon withdrew approximately 50 yards and Private Day was left alone with the wounded man. At a distance of 10 metres from the enemy, Private Day continued to assist and comfort the wounded soldier and at the same time fire his own rifle at the enemy, until the platoon was able to move forward again.

Private Day, by his unselfish action in tending casualties under heavy fire and in deciding to remain with his patient, instead of withdrawing to safety with the platoon, put his life in mortal danger.

His devotion to duty is a credit to himself, his Regiment and the New Zealand Army.

[Note to citation: See also citation for L/Cpl Horopapera]

¹ 18/6/70 Pte Jones LC, KIA; LCpl Fisk CR, KIA; LCpl Avery NT, WIA; LCpl Batty PW, WIA; Pte Burgess JO, WIA; Pte McRae JD, WIA; Pte Tohu KW, WIA.