

**Military Cross (MC)
Lindsay George Williams**

688830. Major.
Royal NZ Infantry Regiment
Whisky Two Company

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CITATION

Major Williams was commissioned into Infantry in the Territorial Force in November 1952. He joined the Regular Force in February 1955. Since that time he has held a variety of regimental appointments and seen service in Malaysia and Borneo.

Major Williams arrived in the Republic of Vietnam as Officer Commanding Whisky Two Company **in November 1968**.

During the night of 29th January 1969¹, Whisky Two Company was attacked from three directions by a suspected enemy company using rocket-propelled grenades and a heavy machine gun as well as small arms fire. Major Williams controlled his company calmly and immediately ordered artillery fire into the area as well as fire from supporting aircraft.

Again, on the night of 23rd February 1969², whilst deployed in a company defensive position, Whisky Two Company was engaged by a large enemy force, later identified as part of a North Vietnamese engineer reconnaissance battalion. Four members of Whisky Two Company were wounded as the enemy approached right up to the company's defensive wire using rocket-propelled grenades and hand grenades. Once again, Major Williams showed personal courage, calmness and ability as he controlled the fire of his sub-units and supporting fire.

On both occasions, heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy, and quantities of enemy weapons, explosives and ammunition recovered in subsequent sweeps. The body of the Commanding Officer of the North Vietnamese engineer reconnaissance battalion was identified after the second action.

On the 25th and 26th of September 1969³, Whisky Two Company contacted a force larger than an enemy company in a bunker position. Major WILLIAMS made three very skilful attempts to gain entry to the system but on each occasion was held by intense machine gun fire, small arms, rocket and claymore fire. His control of the battle was such that he was able on each occasion to extricate his

¹ 29-1-69 Pte Treves FA, WIA; Pte Crowley PD WIA; Pte Malaquin PR WIA

² 23-2-69 Pte Atkinson PG WIA; Pte Cope SM WIA; LCpl Douglas DM WIA; LCpl Taipeti AA WIA

³ 26-9-69 Pte Muir DR WIA; Pte Penney RA WIA

company with very light casualties (2) by the intelligent use of artillery and the daring use of close air support.