

Mention in Despatches (m.i.d.)

Jersey Bassett Yandall

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Whiskey Three Company

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Citation

Sergeant Yandall joined the New Zealand Regular Army on 20th April 1959, and was posted to the Royal New Zealand Infantry Regiment. He joined Whiskey Company in Malaysia in May 1969, and arrived with Whiskey Three Company in South Vietnam **in November 1969**.

During a year of active service duty Sergeant Yandall has carried out the duties of platoon sergeant in a most commendable manner. At all times he has efficiently controlled the administration of his platoon in an energetic yet unobtrusive manner. When called upon to command the platoon in the absence of the platoon commander he has displayed confident and effective leadership. On a number of occasions he has led patrols that have made contact with the enemy.

Particularly noteworthy are the four contacts during the period 10 September 1970 to 20 September 1970¹ which resulted in eight enemy dead without a single casualty being suffered by his patrol. These and previous successes can be attributed to Sergeant Yandall's bold and aggressive leadership and his skill as an infantry leader.

The standard of Sergeant Yandall's leadership and professional ability reflect great credit upon himself, his Regiment and the New Zealand Army.

¹ Nil casualties