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SOUTH VIET NAM CLASP FOR AUSTRALIANS

Statement by the Prime Minister, Sir Robert Menzies

Her Majesty The Queen has approved the award of a special clasp to the General Service Medal 1962 for Australians serving in South Viet Nam.

The award will be made in recognition of operational service in Viet Nam and terms and conditions for the South Viet Nam Clasp will be similar to those for the recently-announced Borneo Clasp. In most cases, the qualification for the General Service Medal and appropriate Clasp is a minimum of thirty days' service in the relevant theatre.

I am sure all Australians will share my satisfaction at the approval of these awards, recognising the distinguished service which our men are giving in Viet Nam and Borneo.

CANBERRA,
17th December, 1965.