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PRIME MINISTER'S MESSAGE TO GENERAL WESTMORELAND

The Prime Minister has cabled the following message to the Commander of United States Forces in Viet Nam, General Westmoreland:-

"We are appreciative of the warm and generous commendation of our First Battalion RAR expressed by you at the conclusion of the Battalion's tour of duty in South Viet Nam. The Australian people are proud of this Battalion which has performed up to the high tradition of Australian military service.

"These Australian soldiers have played their part with the forces of South Viet Nam, the United States and of other friendly countries in resisting communist aggression. You can confidently anticipate that those who succeed them will acquit themselves with the same devotion and distinction.

"Cordially yours,

HAROLD HOLT
PRIME MINISTER. "

CANBERRA,
3rd June, 1966