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MINISTER FOR THE NAVY : CHRISTMAS VISIT
TO SOUTH VIETNAM

Statement by the Prime Minister, Mr. John Gorton

The Minister for the Navy, the Honourable D. J. Killen, M. P., will be visiting units of the Australian Armed Forces in South Vietnam and units of the R. A. N. in Singapore and Hong Kong over the Christmas period.

Mr. Killen will leave Australia on Tuesday, 22 December for Singapore where he will go aboard the destroyer escort H. M. A. S. Yarra.

Mr. Killen will then leave for Saigon on Thursday 24 December where he will visit as many units of the three Services as possible over the Christmas period.

After leaving Vietnam he will visit the guided missile destroyer, H. M. A. S. Perth, which is serving with the United States' 7th Fleet, and also the destroyer, Vendetta, which will be in Hong Kong.

The Minister will return to Australia on Tuesday, 29 December.

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