



PRIME MINISTER

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APPOINTMENT OF AUSTRALIAN EQUERRY TO QUEEN FOR ROYAL VISIT

The Queen has approved the appointment of Lieutenant Colonel P. R. Badman, Royal Australian Armoured Corps, as Australian Equerry to The Queen for her visit to Australia in March 1977.

The appointment has followed advice received from Buckingham Palace that The Queen would be glad to have an Australian Equerry appointed for the visit.

Background Note

Lieutenant Colonel Badman, aged 40, married, has been on exchange duties with the British Army since August 1974 and returned to Australia in December 1976 to take up an appointment in Headquarters, Field Force Command.

In 1957 Lieutenant Colonel Badman graduated as Lieutenant Australian Staff Corps and was allotted to the Royal Australian Armoured Corps - Armoured School. Between 1958 and 1967 his service included fifteen months Armoured Training in the United Kingdom 1962-3 and service with the Armoured Centre, Armoured Regiment in Southern Command and South Vietnam. He was a student at the Australian Staff College during 1969 and from 1970 until leaving for England in 1974 to serve as an Exchange Instructor at the Staff College, Camberley, held appointments in the Directorates of Armour, and Material Requirements at Army Headquarters in Canberra.