

Researching Australian military service Vietnam War, 1962-1975

Overview of the conflict

Australian military history overview: Vietnam
<http://www.awm.gov.au/atwar/index/vietnam.asp>

Nominal Rolls

The Nominal Roll of Vietnam Veterans, <http://www.vietnamroll.gov.au/>, was prepared by the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA). The roll contains information from the Service records of more than 60,000 military members who served during the Vietnam War. It also contains the names of more than 1,600 Australian civilians who had been awarded or were eligible to receive the Vietnam Logistics and Support Medal.

Personal service records

Service records of those who served with Australian forces are held by the National Archives of Australia. You can apply to the National Archives for copies of personal service records, <http://www.naa.gov.au/collection/explore/defence/service-records/army-after.aspx>.

Those who died while serving

The Roll of Honour, <http://www.awm.gov.au/roh/> records the names of service men and women who died during or as a result of service with Australian military forces. The Roll of Honour introduction provides detailed information about Roll of Honour eligibility, <http://www.awm.gov.au/roh/intro.asp#eligibility>.

Where they served

Army

War diaries were kept by the commanding officer of the unit to record their daily activities and location. The war diaries are held in the Official records series AWM95, which have been digitised and are available at <http://www.awm.gov.au/diaries/seasia/index.asp>.

Royal Australian Navy

Reports of Proceedings (ROPs), known earlier as "Letters of Proceedings", are summaries of a ship's or shore base's activities. The reports were submitted by commanding officers to the Chief of Naval Staff. To identify relevant ROPs in the Memorial's collection search the RecordSearch database using the name of the ship as your keywords and AWM78 in the reference numbers field. These records are available for viewing in the Research Centre.

For further information please refer to our information sheet Researching the history of a unit, http://www.awm.gov.au/research/infosheets/unit_history.asp.

Medals and awards

- Information sheet: Campaign and service medals
<http://www.awm.gov.au/research/infosheets/medals.asp>
- Information sheet: Australian military honours and awards
http://www.awm.gov.au/research/infosheets/honours_awards.asp
- Alexander M. Palmer, *Vietnam veterans: honours and awards, Army* (Mosman Park, WA: Military Minded, 1995)
An alphabetical list which gives the citation for each award.

Where to look for photographs

- Collections Search, <http://www.awm.gov.au/database/collection.asp>, provides access to digitised images of photographs held by the Memorial.
- Picture Australia, <http://www.pictureaustralia.org>, has images held by a range of major Australian libraries, archives and other cultural institutions
- State libraries and archives, http://www.awm.gov.au/research/infosheets/addresses_aust.asp