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Indomitable Spirit - the battle of Long Tan

Late on the afternoon of 18 August 1966, Delta Company, 6th Battalion, the Royal Australian Regiment (6RAR), was patrolling in the Long Tan rubber plantation, a few kilometers east of their base in Nui Dat, Vietnam. It was pouring with rain when the men of D Company encountered an opposing force of some 2500 men. The Battle of Long Tan had begun with just over 100 diggers fighting for their lives against a force that was heading towards the nearby Australian base. The Australians were determined that they would not be beaten. They returned fire and held their ground tenaciously, supported by artillery shells and mortar rounds from the Australian base. Leadership under fire was outstanding on that day.

Diggers tended compassionately to their wounded mates and encouraged each other to fight on. Just before nightfall, an Australian force arrived and the Battle of Long Tan was finally over. Seventeen young Australians lay dead and 24 more lay wounded. A member of the rescue force would later die of wounds. The values displayed by the members of D Company during those long hours are integral to the Australian psyche. They are also the values upheld by the ADF and, through the Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards, those we wish to encourage and nurture amongst our future leaders - determination, mateship, teamwork, tenacity and leadership, amongst others.

ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards a fitting tribute

The ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Awards are named in recognition of the place the Battle of Long Tan holds in the hearts and minds of Australians, and the values the veterans displayed on that day. They also act as a fitting tribute to the Long Tan veterans, as they encourage and recognise the very values they demonstrated – such as mateship, tenacity, teamwork and leadership – amongst our senior students and future leaders.

How the Awards work

The Awards are given to one student each in Years 10, 11 and 12. Students are selected by their principals for regularly demonstrating the values outlined by the Awards Selection Criteria within their school and the local community.

Award Winners and Presentations

All winners receive a certificate of recognition and a cheque: the Year 10 winner is awarded \$100; the Year 11 winner, \$250; and the Year 12 Winner is awarded \$500.

It is expected that the Awards will be presented to winners at the annual Speech Night or other appropriate school assembly. Schools may request for an ADF representative to make the presentation.

Selection Criteria Overview

The following is a broad overview of the Awards Selection Criteria. These criteria are offered as a guide only and students do not have to meet all criteria.

- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Values
- Problem Solving
- Resourcefulness
- Communicator
- Cooperator
- Community Involvement

“Our students are delighted. Awards such as these give students something to strive for. For their peers it’s an opportunity to see positive attitudes and leadership rewarded.”

Anne Watts,
Dundee Central School

“We are grateful for the ADF’s endorsement of our students who really appreciate the recognition and financial assistance.”

Susan Turnbull, Dean of Students,
Swan Christian College

“Thank you. These are fantastic awards. We greatly appreciate your support. We hope they will continue.”

G Calder, Senior Years Co-ordinator,
South Gippland College