



Ray Ryan MM

On 10th March, 1969 Sapper Ryan was the team leader of an engineer splinter-team which was allotted to D Company, 5th Battallion, The Royal Australian Regiment. At about 0200 hours, elements of the company entered a minefield and suffered a number of casualties from mines and small arms fire.

Sapper Ryan moved forward and commenced to clear paths to the wounded. He worked single handed in the darkness for four hours, prodding through the minefield with a bayonet and a torch to reach the casualties. After he had reached the last of the wounded and was withdrawing from the minefield he detonated a mine and was badly injured. He was subsequently evacuated to Australia as a result of the wounds he received.

Sapper Ryan displayed great coolness, bravery and distinguished conduct both before and after he was wounded. His actions reflect outstanding credit on himself and his corps.