

Four more deaths in Vietnam force

Four Australian soldiers had died in Vietnam since Saturday, an Army spokesman said in Canberra yesterday.

Aborigines welfare plan wanted

PERTH, Monday.—The president of Pingelly Shire, Mr Charles Stewart, called on the Western Australian Government today to implement a positive policy on aboriginal welfare.

He made the appeal during a visit to Pingelly by the Minister of Native Welfare, Mr Edgar Lewis, to investigate the town's aboriginal problems.

Mr Stewart described the Government's present attitude to aboriginal affairs as a "policy of appeasement".

"They (the Aborigines) have liquor rights, social service benefits . . . it only encourages them to be lazy", Mr Stewart said.

"We want some positive reform, some positive farm scheme, where natives can be trained and assimilated into the community".

He was speaking at a council meeting called specially to speak to Mr Lewis.

Need for more basic education

PERTH, Monday.—Too many young people were entering commerce and industry inadequately equipped in basic English, writing and simple arithmetic, Mr F. G. May said in his presidential address.

They were Sapper Glen Trevor Bartholomew, 22, single, of Lismore, NSW, Sapper Dennis Lindsay Brooks, 22, single, of Rainworth, Brisbane, Sapper Gregory Vincent Brady, 22, single, of Goondiwindi, Queensland, and Sapper John Lawrence O'Hara, 22, single, of Port Kembla, NSW. All were members of the 1st Field Squadron, Royal Australian Engineers.

The Army has not announced details of Sapper Bartholomew's death.

Sapper Brooks died today from injuries received from an accidental mine explosion on May 9 in Phuoc Tuy Province.

Sapper Brady and Sapper O'Hara died from an accidental mine explosion, also in Phuoc Tuy Province, on Saturday. Two other soldiers suffered shock, but later returned to duty.

Injured by detonator

In both cases the mines were being laid by Australian minelaying teams.

A member of the 7th Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment, Private Colin Edward Dudley, 22, single of Lithgow, NSW, was injured when a detonator exploded while he was demolishing an enemy mine in Phuoc Tuy Province. He is reported to be in a satisfactory condition.

The Army announced yesterday that about 200 officers and men of the 2nd Battalion Royal Australian Regiment had arrived in Vietnam.

Teachers to be late

MELBOURNE, Monday.—More than 50 Victorian and 55 NSW schoolteachers will be a little late for the start of the school term tomorrow. They are believed to be bogged somewhere in western Queensland in two tourist buses.

A Californian visitor spent yesterday as an introduction to outdoor life where she was in and cropdusting. Miss Ing

NS ballot 'immoral', says church

BRISBANE, Monday.—The Presbyterian Church's annual State Assembly will tell the Federal Government that it thinks the lottery system of call-up for National Service is immoral.

The Queensland University Professor of Theology, the Reverend I. Gillman, supporting this action, said civilian defence work was in many ways much more valid than military work.

The motion also said all young men eligible for call-up should be required to do a period of work, either civil or military, which would contribute to the development of Asian countries.

A motion that the Minister for Labour and National Service, Mr Bury, be asked to end the existing system which exempts clergy and theological students from

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