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[08/07/1999 Submission Battle Honours HMAS Sydney, Noel Payne on behalf of the FESR Association](#)

RE: Submission Battle Honours HMAS Sydney

During the war in Vietnam 1964-1975, HMAS SYDNEY, escorted by various destroyers and frigates, made 25 operational trips to and from Vietnam. Her task was to deliver and return Army and RAAF personnel and equipment to and from the war zone.

The men who served, and who were embarked, in these ships received the Returned from Active Service Badge, Appropriate Campaign Medals and were allotted as having performed 'Qualifying Service'. However, the ships in which they sailed have not been granted 'Battle Honours'.

If the personnel in ships are on Active, or "warlike", service, it would seem a matter of logic that these ships were the means by which such service was rendered.

When compared with service of ships during WW1, WW11 and Korea, which received 'Battle Honours', HMAS SYDNEY and her escorts, are entitled to be afforded the same honour.

We support the right of these units to be awarded 'Battle Honours' 'VIETNAM 1965/1972', and ask the Review to so recommend.

Yours sincerely,

Signed
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