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Soldiers killed by NZ task force.

An Australian soldier was killed, another later died of wounds and four were wounded when fire from New Zealand task force artillery fell among an Australian patrol close to Nui Dat on Tuesday night.

The killed and wounded had been in Vietnam for only 12 days.

Guns of the New Zealand artillery battery were being adjusted during a defensive fire task at the time.

Army Headquarters in Canberra said yesterday that a court of inquiry was investigating the incident.

All casualties were members of the **1st Australian Reinforcement Unit.**

Killed was Private G. L. Foster, of Nerang, Queensland. The next of kin of the soldier who died of wounds have requested his name be withheld until other relatives have been informed.

Wounded are Private P. D. Carroll, national serviceman, of Lismore, NSW, very seriously ill, and Private. M. J. Eele, national serviceman, of Dundas, NSW, satisfactory.

The names of the other two soldiers, both of whom are satisfactory, are being withheld until relatives are notified.

Detonated mine.

In a separate accident, Sapper A. T. Hunt, of Bendigo, Victoria, was seriously wounded when an enemy mine was detonated by engineering roadwork plant in Phuoc Tuy Province on Tuesday. He is a member of 1st Field Squadron, Royal Australian Engineers.

The Minister for the Army, Mr' Peacock, has asked for a report on accidents involving Australian troops in South Vietnam.

Tuesday night's accident was the third this month. Two weeks ago, two soldiers were hit by shrapnel from an Australian artillery shell which explode close to them.

So far this year, battle and non-battle accidents in South Vietnam have accounted for eight Australians dead and about 70 wounded.