



Warrant Officer First Class W. T. C. Thompson completed his third tour of South Vietnam as the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Fourth Battalion.

Born in Sydney in 1932, he enlisted in the Australian Regular Army in 1954. He served with 2 RAR initially until the completion of their tour in Malaya during the Emergency. In that same theatre during the confrontation, Warrant Officer Thompson was an instructor at the Jungle Warfare School at Kotatingi. He then served briefly with 1 RAR prior to joining the Australian Army Training Team Vietnam in 1964 and for his actions during that period, he was awarded the Cross of Gallantry (Silver Star) by the South Vietnamese. This tour was followed by a posting as an instructor to the Sydney University Regiment. Soon after, he assisted in the raising of 10 Task Force Headquarters at Holsworthy and rejoined 1 RAR in 1968.

As a Company Sergeant-Major in 1 RAR during his second tour of South Vietnam, he was mentioned in despatches. From 1969 to 1970 Warrant Officer Thompson was Company Sergeant-Major of Battle Wing at the Infantry Centre and during 1970 was appointed the Regimental Sergeant-Major of the Fourth Battalion.

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