HOSPITALS HELP ARMY DOCTOR SHORTAGE

Statement by the Minister for the Army, the Hon. Malcolm Fraser, MP

Three Melbourne hospitals are helping the Army over a shortage of medical officers.

The Minister for the Army, Mr. Malcolm Fraser, said today that the hospitals – St. Vincent’s, Alfred and Prince Henry’s – had given approval for a total of 39 doctors each to serve a month with Army units in the Puckapunyal area.

Thirteen newly-graduated doctors from each of the hospitals were taking part in the scheme.

Of the three at present serving at Puckapunyal, one was with the Armoured Regiment and the other two at 3rd Camp Hospital.

They were given the choice of temporary appointment either as civilians or on full-time duty in the CMF in the rank as captain.

Doctors were rostered for duty with the Army by the hospital to which they belonged and, after a month, resumed their roles as resident medical officers.

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