

“THERE WAS SOMETHING MISSING HERE”

Thinking back on the Vietnam War, reading about it in the papers, watching T.V. and knowing that our soldiers were experiencing all the horrors of war, like any other war, I could not understand how and why they were treated so badly on their return.

The Government sent them over there, and they did the job that was expected of them.

Many did not make it home, proof of the war conditions they were experiencing.

Many who did come back, suffered so much bad health, but their pleas for help were ignored for years.

What happened to we Australians looking kindly on the “underdog”, and “mateship”.

I know some caring minded people did protest or march on their behalf, unfortunately

I did neither, nor did I put pen to paper to the Government asking for recognition of these soldiers, who were only doing what was asked of them.

Sports stars are made a great fuss of by leaders of Governments and the general public, for hitting or kicking a ball about, or racing a car or bike at breakneck speed, all of their own choosing.

What more terrible things did they have to go through to be recognised as soldiers of war. I always felt sorry for them and their families who would have been hurt too, and wonder if it would have helped their cause if thousands of us had written in letters of protest and concern on their behalf. They were not even accepted to march on Anzac Day for years.

Sounds incredible that this could happen in Australia.