



Australian Government

Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal

INQUIRY INTO RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE WITH 547 SIGNAL TROOP IN VIETNAM FROM 1966 TO 1971

Terms of Reference

The Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal (the Tribunal) is directed to inquire into and report on recognition for Australian military personnel who served with 547 Signal Troop in Vietnam between 1966 and 1971.

In particular, the Tribunal is to examine relevant evidence and consider whether it is appropriate that members of 547 Signal Troop who served with the troop between 1966 and 1971 be awarded the Meritorious Unit Citation or another form of medallic recognition for their service.

The Tribunal is to determine its own procedures, in accordance with the general principles of procedural fairness, when conducting its inquiry as set out in these Terms of Reference. In this regard the Tribunal may interview such persons as it considers appropriate and consider material provided to it that is relevant to these Terms of Reference.

The Tribunal is to report, in writing, to the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence on the findings and recommendations that arise from the inquiry.

In making its findings and formulating its recommendations the Tribunal is to arrive at a fair and sustainable response to current and future claims for recognition. It is to maintain the integrity of the Australian honours system and identify any consequential impact any finding or recommendation may have on that system.

Submissions to the Tribunal close on Friday 1 June 2012.