



Australian Government

Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal

Inquiry into recognition for members of Rifle Company Butterworth for service in Malaysia between 1970 and 1989

Terms of Reference

The Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal shall inquire into and report on recognition for members of the Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) for service in Malaysia between 1970 and 1989.

In conducting its inquiry the Tribunal shall:

- (a) have regard to the terms and objectives of the *Australian Active Service Medal (AASM) Regulations 1945-1975*, *Australian Active Service Medal Regulations*, the *Australian Service Medal (ASM) 1945-1975 Regulations*, the *Australian Service Medal Regulations* and declarations and determinations for the Clasps 'Malaysia' and 'SE Asia' and the *General Service Medal 1962 Royal Warrant*.
- (b) consider the claims of members of RCB for recognition of their service in Malaysia between 1970 and 1989;
- (c) consider any other material relevant to these claims;
- (d) consider the possible impact of recognition for Australian Defence Force service on the recognition of other Australian Government service, such as members of the Royal Australian Air Force at Royal Malaysian Air Force Base Butterworth and 4th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment at Terendak during the period; and
- (e) make findings and recommendations as to the eligibility of members of the RCB for the AASM 45-75 or AASM or the granting of any other form of 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 Support on its 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 and also maintain the integrity of the Australian honours system and identify any consequential impact any finding or recommendation may have on that system.

Submissions close on Monday, 7 June 2010.