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Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal Report – Inquiry into recognition for members of Rifle Company Butterworth for service in Malaysia between 1970 and 1989

The Government's response to the recommendations of the independent Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal inquiry into recognition for members of Rifle Company Butterworth for service in Malaysia between 1970 and 1989 was released today.

The independent Tribunal recommended that:

Recommendation 1: No change be made to the medallic entitlements which currently attach to service with Rifle Company Butterworth in the period 1970 to 1989.

Recommendation 2: No change be made to the medallic entitlements which currently attach to service with any other unit of the Australian Defence Force at Butterworth in the period 1970 to 1989 or since 1989.

The Australian Government has accepted the independent Tribunal's findings. The inquiry into this matter and the Tribunal's report demonstrates the Government's commitment to the independent review of Defence honours and awards issues.

The Tribunal's full report is available at www.defence-honours-tribunal.gov.au. Further information on Defence honours and awards is available at www.defence.gov.au/medals.

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