

Submission to Inquiry - Gunner Les Nathan

Part 1 - Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

Medallic Recognition For Service with Rifle Company Butterworth

Part 2 - About the Submitter

Title or Rank *

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Given Names *

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Is the Submission on behalf of an organisation? If yes, please provide details:

N/A

Part 3 - Desired outcome

Provide a summary of your submission:

Whilst Malaysian Medallic recognition should be granted, it should not be limited to Rifle Company Butterworth but inclusive of all Australian Military personnel who served with the 28 Commonwealth Brigade (ANZUK)



deterrent force Terandak Garrison and/or Butterworth between 1960 - 1989 (1989 being the year that the Malaysian Government formally declared the conclusion of the Communist Insurgency War sometimes called the second Malayan Emergency) or at least dates in line with the New Zealand Government i.e. 1959 to 1974. Australian Military personnel who served within Malaysia 1960 onwards are truly the soldiers that Australia forgot being overshadowed at that time by the Vietnam War. An entertainer who performed in Vietnam for approximately 24 hours is entitled to be awarded the Vietnam Logistic & Support Medal, a Malaysian Veterans Australian Service Medal doesn't even refer to Malaysia, just SE Asia. This is truly a disgrace on the part of past Australian Governments and an insult to those servicemen etc. It is time this insult was corrected with at least the striking of a separate Malaysian Service medal 1960-1989 even if the existing Australian Service Medal is not upgraded to being the Australian Active Service Medal. This matter of medallic recognition for past Australian Malaysian service personnel has previously been raised through Julie Bishop's office when she was the Foreign Minister and more recently via Andrew Hastie, current Shadow Minister for defence. Whilst I am unable to forward previous correspondence between Ms Bishop and myself I have forwarded herewith copies of email exchanges re. Andrew Hastie's office and myself.

Part 4 - Your submission and Supporting Documentation

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- using content in my submission in its report to Government.

The Tribunal will decide which person or organisation is appropriate, and this may include:

1. persons or organisations required to assist with the inquiry; and
2. persons or organisations with an interest in the inquiry.

✓ I declare that the information I have provided is correct.

Name

Les Nathan

Date

16/11/2022

x Gunner Les Nathan

Signed By Gunner Les Nathan



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