

MEDALLIC RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE WITH AUSTRALIAN RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH known as the RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH.

This is to supplement my previous submission 076 .

First of all I wish to thank the RCB Tribunal for make all submissions available for public viewing.

As a member of one of the last RCB ( June -September 1989) companies to serve at Butterworth air base prior the signing of the peace accord on 2 December 1989.

I found reading all the submissions very interesting, written with great passion and very similar stories to my own story and submission and thank all my fellow RCB veterans for submitting your stories. One of the most interesting aspect of reading all the submissions that it expands over the entire communist insurgency war of 1968-1989 .

As I believe then and as I believe now we were involved in the COMMUNIST INSURGENCY War of 1968-1989 sent by the Australian Government and Department of Defence to a active war zone to provide a QRF quick Reaction Force to repel the threat of the MCP (CT's) of attacking the Butterworth air base under the shared defence plan.

My desired outcome remains the same that the truth of our deployments are told in full and the story of the training lie be explained and amended to show we were on war service and be awarded the correct entitlements and medallic recommendations.

I would like the past decisions made by the Australian Government, Department of Defence and the DHAAT explained why the lies were made about the RCB deployments, and the decisions made by the government, defence and DHAAT about the awarding of the Australian Service Medal to Solomon islands (November 2000-March 2003) and Bougainville (November 1997-August 2003) which were UNARMED Peace Keeping where the RCB deployments enriched with lethal ROE's live ammunition carried everywhere at all times while on duty at Butterworth performing QRF duties are awarded the same recognition of the Australian Service Medal during the Communist Insurgency war 1968-1989.

Once again I thank the RCB Tribunal for allowing us RCB veterans to supplement our original submissions after making all submissions available for public viewing.

Thank you

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