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Submission to Inquiry - Private STEPHEN ADAMS

Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

Recognition of service for Rifle Company Butterworth

Part 2 – About the Submitter

Title or Rank *

Private

Surname *

ADAMS

Given Names *

STEPHEN

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Primary Contact Number *


Secondary Contact Number


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

Part 3 – Desired outcome

Provide a summary of your submission:

Service with Rifle Company Butterworth February to May 1978 First Platoon, A Company 2/4 RAR 1. Was involved in armed patrolling of Butterworth air base on and off base, for asset protection! 2. Was involved in Armed Quick reaction deployments day and night to deal possible CT Threat to Air base! (Full front line Ammunition Was carried at all times, and Rules of engagement was Issued to deal with a) Real and present Threat to personnel and assets! Incidents a. While on deployment QRF, (A MAF Vehicle patrol fired on the Aust QRF Section I was with), No Casualties however all Weapons of QRF patrol where brought to the Action condition! Before situation resolved. b. While off duty but still on base ALL Personnel where ORDERED to the base armory. Told that CT's had entered the air base, weapons where handed out at random. I was given a GPM-M60 along with 500 round of live ammunition, then ordered to load and action the weapon, We then ran to a Key Point on the base and took up a Defensive Position. (Rules of Engagement) Where If we don't get the proper responds to our challenge we where to engage with force. I spent the next 5 hours in a drain with an armed section (Composite) waiting to engage an enemy. This was not training or an exercise, and there was a real risk of personnel injury. After this Incident the base was locked down for 7 days, and heightened Security measures implemented, Road Blocks, Personnel and ID checks and searches of vehicles and personnel!

Part 4 - Your submission and Supporting Documentation

Part 5 – Consent and declaration

✓ I consent to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal making my submission publicly available.

✓ I also consent to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal:

- using information contained in my submission to conduct research;
- providing a copy of my submission to a person or organisation considered by the Tribunal to be appropriate; and
- providing a copy of my submission to a person or organisation the subject of adverse comment in the submission;
- 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

STEPHEN KENNETH ADAMS

Date

13/04/2022 /

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Signed by Private STEPHEN ADAMS

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