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Submission to Inquiry - Corporal Michael Grant Trothe

Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

Medallic recognition for service with Rifle Company Butterworth

Part 2 – About the Submitter

Title or Rank *

Corporal

Surname *

Trothe

Given Names *

Michael Grant

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

No

Part 3 – Desired outcome

Provide a summary of your submission:

Medallic Recognition for service in Rifle Company Butterworth, award the Pingat Jasa Malaysia medal offered by Malaysian Govt to all members who served in Butterworth up to and including 1989. Recognition of RCB War Like Service until 1989, no peace time guard duty for Australian Soldiers Included the issue of live ammunition and Orders For Opening Fire

Part 4 - Your submission and Supporting Documentation

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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

Michael Grant Trothe

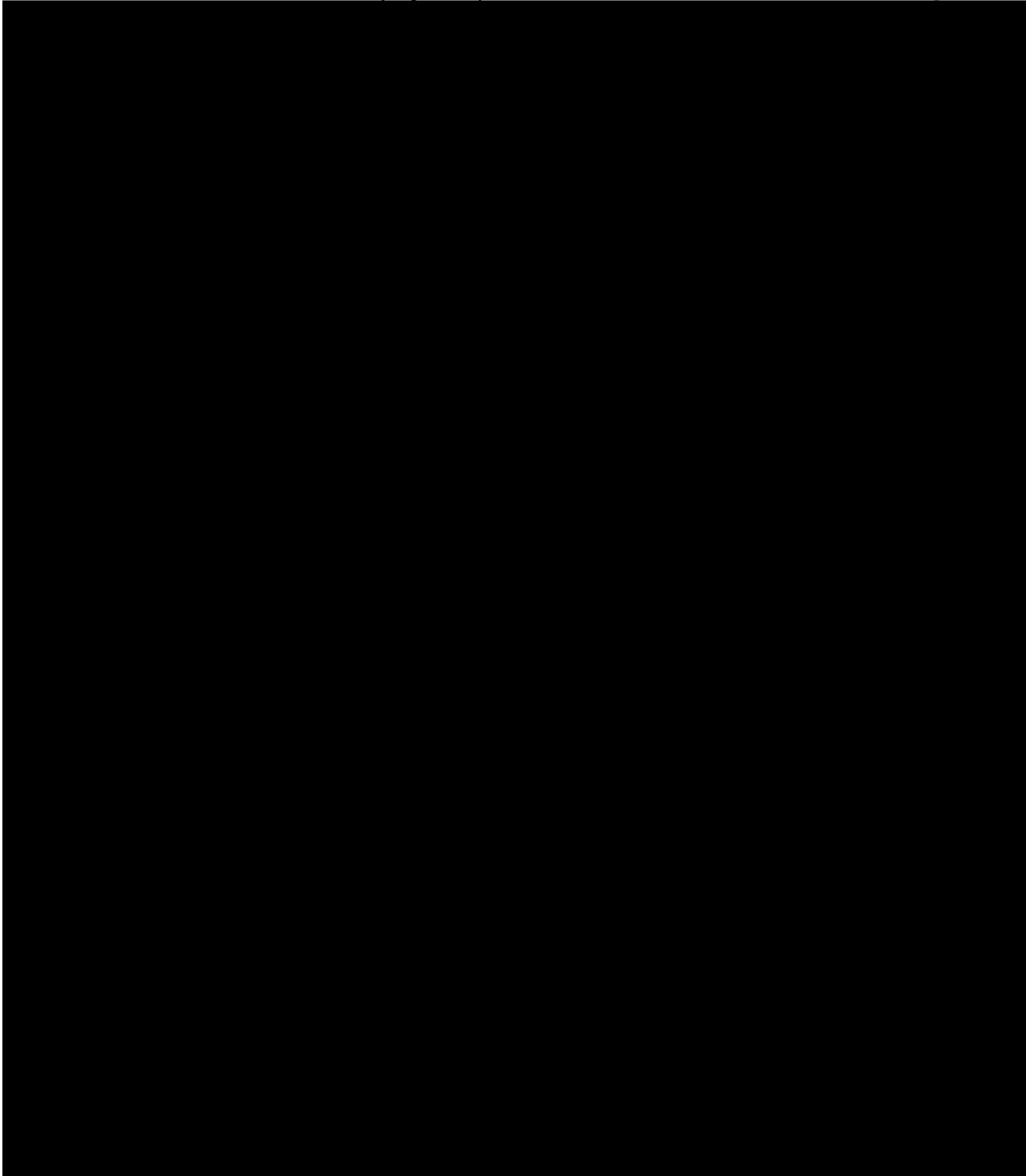
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Medallic recognition for service with Rifle Company Butterworth

I , 291504/8226874 Corporal Michael Grant Trothe and an Ex Soldier of just over 40 years service spanning 1975 to 2018, firstly in the CMF, Australian Army Reserve, Australian Regular Army and Army Reserve.

Firstly the Malaysian Govt offered the Pingat Jasa Malaysia medal to all Australian Soldier who served in Rifle Company Butterworth up to and including 1989.

It was the Australian Govt that chose only to accept it for the first part of the Communist Uprising.

I am asking that this injustice be rectified by accepting the Medallic Recognition offered to us by the Malaysian Govt, who were far better positioned to understand the nature of service in Rifle Company Butterworth than Officers in the Australian Army who were tasked to make that decision.

Secondly , I ask the Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) service be recognised as War Like Service for the following reasons.

1. No peace time guards in the Australian Army have ever been issued live ammunition for duty and giving Orders For Opening Fire.
2. The Company Commanders briefing to troops always included the possibility of Communist Insurgents engaging RCB patrols.
3. Numerous intelligence reports exist that list the location of mortar tubes found near paths leading up to the air base.
4. RCB have a number of times put in Ambushes on paths leading to Butterworth Airbase based on the Intsum received by the OC RCB.