



## SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY

This form must cover a submission to the inquiry

Name of Inquiry

Inquiry into medallic recognition for service with  
Rifle Company Butterworth.

### About the Submitter

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MR

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PENHALL

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

RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH REVIEW GROUP

### Desired Outcome

Provide a summary of your submission.

UPGRADE OF SERVICE RECOGNITION AS  
WARLIKE SERVICE INCLUDING THE AASM

RELEVANT DOCUMENTS ATTACHED (STATEMENT)

Please attach your submission and any supporting documentation

### Consent and Declaration

- 1 ☒ I **consent** to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal making my submission publicly available.  
**OR**  
☐ I **do not consent** to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal making my submission publicly available. My reasons are:



- 2 I also **consent** to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal:
- a. using information contained in my submission to conduct research;
  - b. providing a copy of my submission to a person or organisation considered by the Tribunal to be appropriate;
  - c. providing a copy of my submission to a person or organisation the subject of adverse comment in the submission; and
  - d. using content in my submission in its report to Government.

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

- a. persons or organisations required to assist with the inquiry; and
- b. persons or organisations with an interest in the inquiry.

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

Signature:


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Print name:

WAYNE ANTHONY PENHALL
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Date:

13 APRIL 2022
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### Lodging your submission

Further information, including the inquiry's Terms of Reference can be found at [www.defence-honours-tribunal.gov.au](http://www.defence-honours-tribunal.gov.au)

Once you are satisfied with your submission, return this form and all supporting documents

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Prior to deployment we conducted the same training routine as those deployed to Vietnam , ie LWC and Jungle Training Centre including live fire exercises. This training prior to deployment to RCB indicated we were operating in a potentially hostile environment. Furthermore whilst in the country we were given intelligence briefings on CT movements and when conducting field training such as platoon jungle patrols, soldiers could not be issued with BFA blank firing attachments due to the fact all soldiers carried a minimum of 1 magazine of live ammunition to enable soldiers to respond aggressively to potential CT contacts. At no time were soldiers told verbally or in writing that our deployment was for training purposes, however it was constantly mentioned in briefings and ordered groups to stay alert for possible threats.

In 1983-84 I was deployed to Rifle Company Butterworth on my second tour with A Company 8/9 Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment. My primary responsibility was as a section 2IC with 1 Platoon. My section commander was Cpl Kevin Powell. On no less than two occasions our section received messages via the radio to deploy to the south perimeter fence with magazines fitted with live ammunition for all weapons including the GPMG60 section machine gun which was under my direct command. We were ordered to advance and investigate activity that had been reported to RAAF command and act accordingly within The Rules of Engagement that were considered potential breaches of the perimeter fence. We found after a search of the area that there was no such breach, however, the sense of a potential contact with the enemy was front of mind. After declaring the area safe, we reported to RAAF command and were ordered to stand down and return to the QRF(guard) room and remain on high alert, I believe that a report was filed for the RAAF command incident report duty log. Wayne Anthony Penhall. Email.

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