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## Submission to Inquiry - Mr Robert Cross

### Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry \*

RCB

### Part 2 – About the Submitter

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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:

DHAAT Tribunal, Robert W. Cross 4/15 Gardiner St Alderley QLD 4051 0402 986 454  
Squirrel84@bigpond.com RCB INQUIRY Finally time has come where a knowledgeable panel will consider the real elements of the Australian military involvement of Rifle Company Butterworth ( RCB) in defending the Airbase Butterworth ( BAB) in Malaysia from attack during the period of the now universally recognized Communist Insurgency in Malaysia 1968-89. Do the right thing now because: 1. It is the fair and just solution to this prolonged and unwarranted denial of service and justice. 2. All the necessary regulations have been met under the applicable SOS Act 1962 and VEA 1986 in place at that time in history. 3. Most other previously under awarded military services overseas have been rightly upgraded over the past 25 years. 4. Official DOD and Gov documentation acknowledge and confirm the true role and expected duty of the RCB at BAB, however much it was disguised in the wording of documents. 5. The Malaysian Gov has already officially acknowledged the RCB participation in the defence of BAB. 6. The NZ Gov now accepts the true role that its forces at BAB performed during its time there 1970 -73 and have awarded the NZOSM to them. 7. This acceptance of the true situation of service at BAB will not have any effect on the financial position of Gov as all those entitled to a Service Pension at 60YO are already getting an Aged Pension if financially liable to receive it. The cost is

already being met by Gov. 8. The "incurred danger test" principle for Warlike Service established by Justice Mohr in his Review has been met by there being an armed adversary CT ( Communist Terrorist) who was acknowledged as likely to attack BAB, similar to attacks on two other RMAF air bases in 1974/75. 9. The failure to allot RCB to the specified place IS NOT the fault of the RCB but as stated by Justice Mohr is an administration error committed by higher echelons that should have had better regard for the soldiers they dispatched to this airbase for security duties. 10. Accept it that the supposed role of "training " with the MAF was a fabrication of the truth for political purposes solely. DOD/NOSB/Gov/Ministers have all been provided with detailed and researched documentation and evidence fully supporting the cause and clearly showing how Warlike Service duty was performed by the RCB under the operational role of Defence of the airbase ( BAB). Accept the public reality of this now exposed situation to the general public and award the rightful medals and entitlements to all those who served at BAB during this Communist Insurgency in Malaysia 1968-89. The following entitlements and medals are warranted for RCB Warlike service; a. Service Pension b. AASM with clasp Malaysia c. General Service Medal 1962 for service up until 14 Feb 1975 d. Recommend the Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM) from Malaysian Government e. Infantry Combat Badge f. Returned from Active Service

## Part 4 - Your submission and Supporting Documentation

File Attached:

## 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.

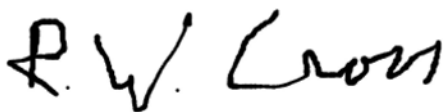
✓ I declare that the information I have provided is correct.

**Name**

Robert Cross

**Date**

25/05/2022 /



Signed by Mr Robert Cross

Signed on: 25 May, 2022

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