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Submission to Inquiry - Mr Bryan Raymond Nelson

Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

RCB DHAAT INQUIRY

Part 2 – About the Submitter

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Recognition of RCB Service (1970 - 1989) as Warlike.

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1. persons or organisations required to assist with the inquiry; and
2. persons or organisations with an interest in the inquiry.

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Name

Bryan Nelson

Date

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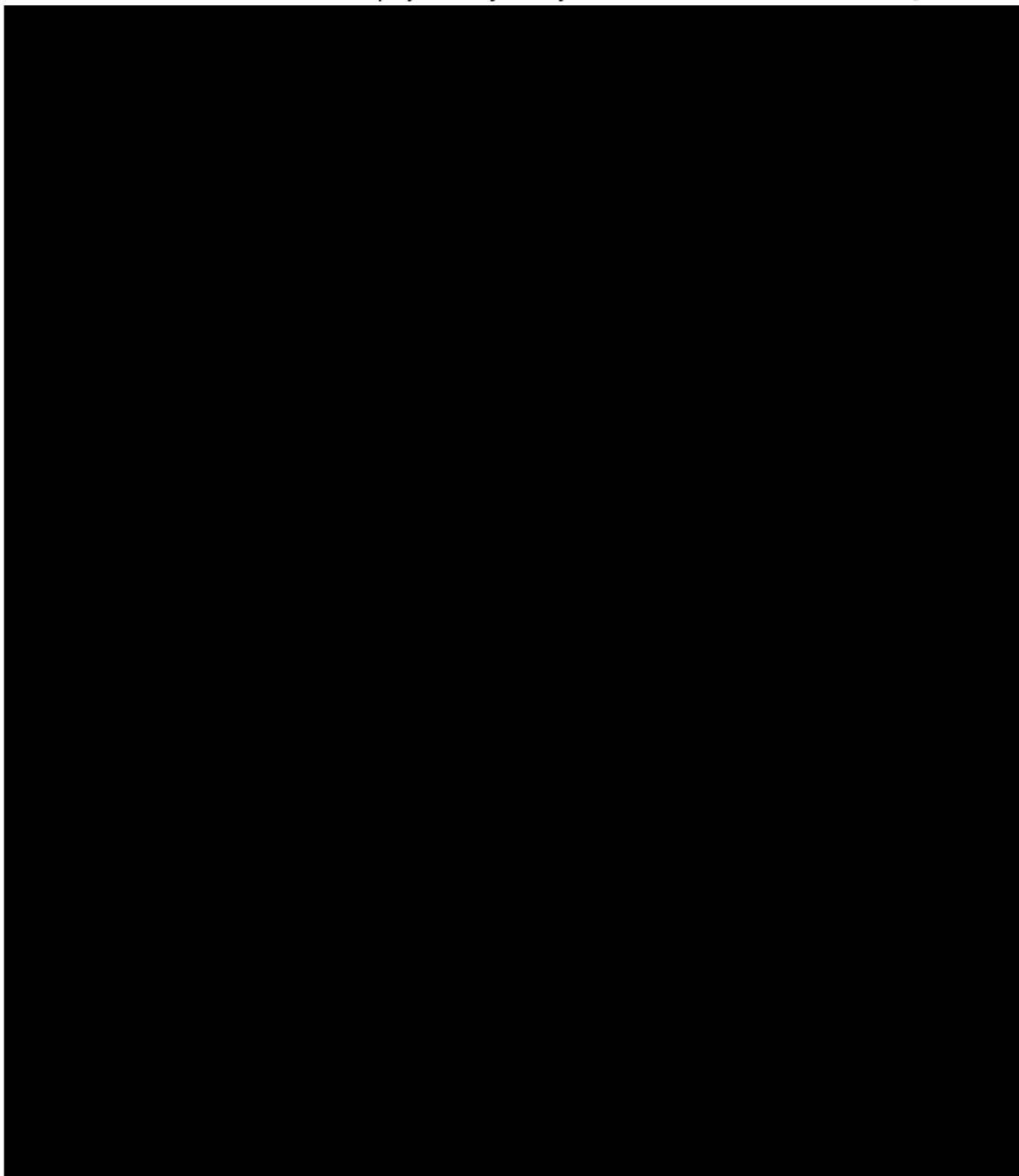
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Submission to RCB inquiry

Appointment: Bryan Nelson, LCPL (Sect 2IC), 2 PL, A Coy, 1 RAR.

Tour of Duty (03 June – 03 September 1975)

RCB service Butterworth Air Base (BAB) should be recognised as warlike service. The Company undertook pre-deployment high level training at Canungra Jungle training Centre (JTC) and Shoalwater Bay this was the same training for deployment to Vietnam. Pre-deployment briefings advised of a risk of harm, the expectations of casualties and the authorisation to use force in pursuit of military objectives.

Prior to deployment all formal protocols were conducted for such service. All soldiers in the Company were required to sign a document volunteering for warlike service and meet DP1 status, (ready for combat in war). All soldiers completed a will before deployment. Upon arrival at BAB rules of engagement were reiterated.

The weapon I carried was a M16 Armalite the rest of the company carried their normal small arms weapons, along with front line ball ammunition. Our company's deployment roll was to provide a quick reaction force as well as internal security of BAB assets.

There were no opportunities to train with the Malaysian force, Malaya was at war with Communist Insurgents. The Royal Malay Air Force flew live bombing missions from BAB and their dead and wounded were brought back to the base.

During the tour of duty, the RMAF (Royal Malay Air Force) took delivery of the first batch of new American F5 jet fighters. During this time the base was locked down with internal security patrols/roaming piquettes and internal road blocks. Standing patrols were conducted at night. On one occasion a breach in the wire was discovered, this breach was investigated and covered during the night and a clearing patrol was sent out at first light outside the wire.

After the fall of Saigon refugees were staged through BAB. At this time BAB was in total lockdown including internal road blocks, refugees were staged through secure barbed wire areas. The whole Company was operational 24/7 and fully armed including carrying front line ammunition and bayonets.

Service should be rightfully recognised as warlike service, in all aspects soldiers deployed for RCB service meet the criteria for warlike service.

Yours Sincerely



Bryan Nelson

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20 June 2022