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Submission to Inquiry - Major (retired) Keith Fraser

Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

Medallic Recognition for service with Rifle Compant Butterworth

Part 2 – About the Submitter

Title or Rank *

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Fraser

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

Part 3 – Desired outcome

Provide a summary of your submission:

Australian Defence Force personnel were warned for war service, and undertook warlike operations, when deployed at Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB). Individual Records of Service (AAB83) were annotated with the letters WOWS, which stands for Whilst on War Service. The RCB mission was to deter and defend against communist terrorist activity and incursions onto Air Base Butterworth, on which were RAAF facilities, materiel and personnel. Owing to the RCB's deployments during the period 1970 to 1989 terrorists were (mostly) deterred from entering or attacking the base. Therefore, the mission was mostly successful because the RCB presence. Some terrorists groups did enter the base, or engage with mortar fire, but the action was detected and repelled. The ADF cannot justifiably say after the mission's success that because no terrorist incursions caused the base to be overrun, then the threat was not present. The RCB personnel must be duly recognised for the warlike operations with the Army Active Service Medal.

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

Keith Fraser

Date

29/06/2022 /

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Signed by Major (retired) Keith Fraser

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