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Submission to Inquiry - WING COMMANDER RET'D PETER CHARLES REYNOLDS

Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

RCB DHAAT INQUIRY

Part 2 – About the Submitter

Title or Rank *

WING COMMANDER RET'D

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REYNOLDS

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

No, not an 'organisation.' The submission is on behalf of Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB).

Part 3 – Desired outcome

Provide a summary of your submission:

In the first instance I respectfully submit to the Tribunal that there is no self-interest. I was Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) in Butterworth from 1981 to 1983, along with my wife who was a nursing sister at 4RAAF Hospital. My submission is an attempt to put the contribution of Rifle Company Butterworth (RCB) in the context of a then extant 'threat environment.' There is no anticipated consideration for us. Consequently, I ask the Tribunal to consider a number of 'whys' in respect of the denial of ongoing recognition for RCB that goes back over 40 years. The 'whys,' if there was no threat and RCB was just a 'training deployment,' requires forensic consideration, not denial. Just my personal opinion, but please ask the 'why' in respect of the following points: - We were briefed in on arrival in Butterworth (BUT) in September 1981. Part of that in-brief included warnings as to ongoing communist terrorist (CT) activity. - I witnessed Royal Malaysian Air Force helicopters returning to the base and being hosed out on the tarmac. As air traffic control (ATC), a common call was 'inbound to the Polo Ground.' That meant they had dead or wounded on board. The Polo Ground is adjacent to Penang General Hospital. - RCB patrolled 'inside and outside the wire' with live ammunition. To

authorize the carriage of live ammunition in an alleged 'training environment' would have constituted irresponsibility. In a 'training environment,' live ammunition is confined to a controlled firing-range. The risks are too high in allowing unfettered carriage of live rounds in other than a recognized conflict. - In respect of the last point, the question arises as to why RCB was tasked with having a 24/7 Quick Reaction Force (QRF), carrying live ammunition, if they were just there for 'training.' Respectfully, there has been an unconscionable denial of the RCB contribution to security during the 'Second Emergency,' It was real and we were there, Peter Reynolds
Service no: O4919

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.

WCB

I declare that the information I have provided is correct.

COMMANDER

Peter Reynolds

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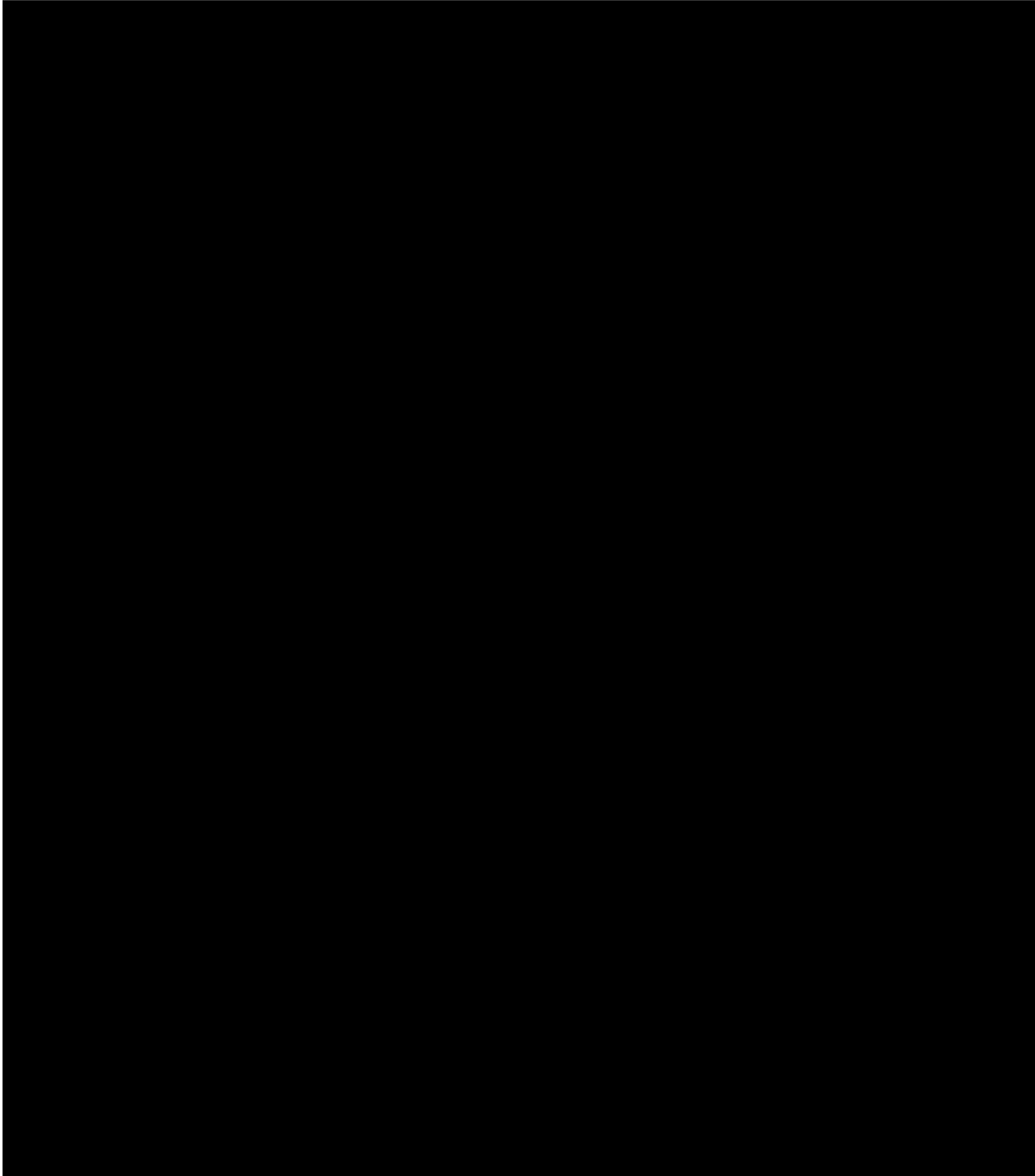
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