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Submission to Inquiry - Private Peter John Imats Strods

Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

Rifle Company Butterworth (Warlike service)

Part 2 – About the Submitter

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

This submission is part of the Rifle Company Butterworth group's submission.

Part 3 – Desired outcome

Provide a summary of your submission:

A Review into classification of service of Rifle Company Butterworth to warlike service, 4100654 Pte Peter John Strods, service at Rifle Company Butterworth, 1st September 1987 to 4th December 1987 2 section, 4 platoon, B Company, 1st Battalion Royal Australian Regiment. The only time ever in my service with the Australian Army where we carried live ammunition including a MAG 58 general purpose machine gun, loaded and on standby with 1000rd of ammunition in the guard hut. We also had rules of engagement and we had to fill out a last will and testament (As we did when we deployed on Operation Morris Dance in May of the same year, the first operational deployment of Australia forces since Vietnam) whilst carrying out guard duty and I also remember on our first day in country being taught in Bassa Malay language the words " Stop or I will shoot" and to this day I can still remember those words, I can't write them down as I'm unsure of the spelling but can still say the command fluently. We were also told on our first day at Butterworth we were in a active war zone that Airbase Butterworth was a legitimate target for the Communists insurgents and to be under no allusion that we were the enemy in the view of the communists insurgents and thus we were also legitimate targets as well. During my service I cannot recall a time that we every carried live ammunition whilst performing guard duties in Australia let alone having rules of engagement. If required I can send a photo of the plaque that my platoon had made there of our tour of duty and the ASM SE Asia I was awarded for that tour.

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

Peter Strods

Date

12/07/2022 /



Signed by Private Peter John Imats Strods

Signed on: 13 July, 2022

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