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Submission to Inquiry - Mr (WO!) retd Gary Wayne Boylett

Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

rifle coy butterworth

Part 2 – About the Submitter

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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:

On the 2nd of September 1975 i was a RAEME Armourer posted to the RMAF ? RAAF base at Butterworth Malaysia with B Coy 2/4 RAR as part of that units rotation as Rifle Company Butterworth .brfore we left Townsville for Malaysia we were all given a briefing on what to expect during our deployment .it was explained to every member and emphasised on multiple occasions that if we committed any offences during our deployment we would be charged with "whilst on ACTIVE service " ,the punishments are more severe than in Australia .During my stay i spend most of my time (working hours) locked up in a small building called the Armscote ,were i spent my time repairing and maintaining the units weapons ,when i was finished for the day i was let out and i was replaced with an armed guard ,who stayed locked up until i relieved him in the morning .the only break i had from this routine was when i was rostered on to the Quick reaction Force ,wher i was required to patrol the base day and night whilst carrying a fully loaded L1A1 SLR rifle ,as an armourer i was quite used to carrying live ammunition but this was the 1 st for me when i was patrolling to have a fully loaded weapon and it was explained to us as to when or if we were to open fire ,as a young soldier i found this a little intimidating and at times especially at night this was even more so .we were told were any Enemy soldiers would attack the base ,especially the cemetary end of the airstrip .i honestly believed that anytime during the day or night that we would be subjected to an attack by the enemy (CT'S),i honestly also believe that whilst

servicing at RAAF Base Butterworth was extremely stressful and that it could definitely not be defined as training or garrison duty .i strongly believe that the award of the AASM is justified .my service at butterworth can be found with RO's 16/2675/75 and 18/3700/75

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

Gary Wayne BOYLETT

Date

17/07/2022 /



Signed by Mr (WO!) retd Gary Wayne Boylett

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