



SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY

This form must cover a submission to the inquiry

Name of Inquiry

INQUIRY INTO MEDALLIC RECOGNITION FOR
SERVICE WITH RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH

About the Submitter

Title or Rank:

Private Soldier

Surname:

Mullins

Given Names:

Peter Andrew

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Preferred contact
number:

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Home or other:

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

N/A

Desired Outcome

Provide a
summary of your
submission.

As Attached

Please attach your submission and any supporting documentation

Consent and Declaration

- 1 ☒ I **consent** to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal making my submission publicly available.
OR
☐ I **do not consent** to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal making my submission publicly available. My reasons are:

I consent

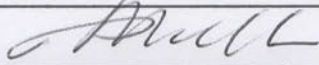
- 2 I also **consent** to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal:
- a. using information contained in my submission to conduct research;
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 - d. using content in my submission in its report to Government.

The Tribunal will decide which person or organisation is appropriate, and this may include:

- a. persons or organisations required to assist with the inquiry; and
- b. persons or organisations with an interest in the inquiry.

I **declare** that the information I have provided is correct.

Signature:



Print name:

Peter Mullins

Date:

15 April 2022

Lodging your submission

Further information, including the inquiry's Terms of Reference can be found at www.defence-honours-tribunal.gov.au

Once you are satisfied with your submission, return this form and all supporting documents

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SUBMISSION RE:

INQUIRY INTO MEDALLIC RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE WITH RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH

Name: Peter Andrew Mullins
DOB: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
Tour of Duty: 7 December 1982 – 8 February 1983
My Primary Role: Infantry Section Gunner (M60 machine gun)
Full Military Service: 28 March 1979 – 28 March 1988

Duties whilst on tour:

A member of a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) which was designated to counter penetration and counter attack, repel, kill or capture the enemy.

Pre-Deployment training:

- : - Section operational formations, cordon and contain objectives, search and or assault buildings.
- : - Legal requirements and Rules of Engagement
- : - Learn necessary commands in Malaysian (STOP OR I WILL SHOOT)
- : - Road Blocks – powers of search
- : - Enemy threat
- : - Medical Examination prior for deployment (DP1 Status)

Deployment

All soldiers deployed to Butterworth Malaysia during my Tour of Duty were briefed on our task and threat. We were left under no illusion that the deployment was an operation where the application of force would be required to pursue specific military outcomes. This use of force would range from a fully armed deterrent (through QRF) to lethal counter attack measures if required.

Further actions taken by QRF section/s was the armed clearing patrols every morning which covered the external perimeter of the base and the searching of Kampongs to ensure Communist Insurgents weren't establishing an attack base or conducting surveillance.

All soldiers deployed to Butterworth Malaysia received legal briefings in relation to our role and Rules of Engagement. As a result of the operational task, all soldiers were issued live

ammunition for all section weapons and if required (following the Rules of Engagement) lethal Force was authorised.

I believe all soldiers were fully aware, that when you are issued live ammunition, receive authorisation for the use of lethal force, their expectations was that OWN casualties was a possibility.

Personal Note:

I took my role/task very seriously and have no doubt that the communist insurgence was a real threat at the time of my tour. Therefore, I also believe that my actions/ response duties whilst on QRF was real and met War Like Service at all times.

Training was conducted whilst rifle sections rotated through QRF. This training was conducted in line with our duties and to maintain a professional standard. The Butterworth Deployment was NOT for training experience.

I thank the Tribunal for the opportunity to submit a submission in regards to this matter.

Kindest Regards.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Peter Mullins', with a stylized, flowing script.

Peter Mullins

Ex- Delta Company, 5/7 RAR