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## Submission to Inquiry - Mr Stephen Winthrop

### Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

**Name of Inquiry \***

Rifle Company 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:**

This Submission is to reinforce my previous submissions, and to highlight Defence's credibility in their statements. If Defence's statements do not stand up to the evidence then it should be dismissed. There are many rebuttals of Defence's statements from our RCBRG and others. Defence uses twisted logic and continuously use statements to muddy the waters, to avoid looking at the real issue which makes a War-like operation. If their statements do not hold up the the evidence submitted by our RCBRG and others and what was happening on the ground. The Defence's statements must be rejected.

### Part 4 - Your submission and Supporting Documentation

File Attached: Lie.docx

### 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**

Stephen Winthrop

**Date**

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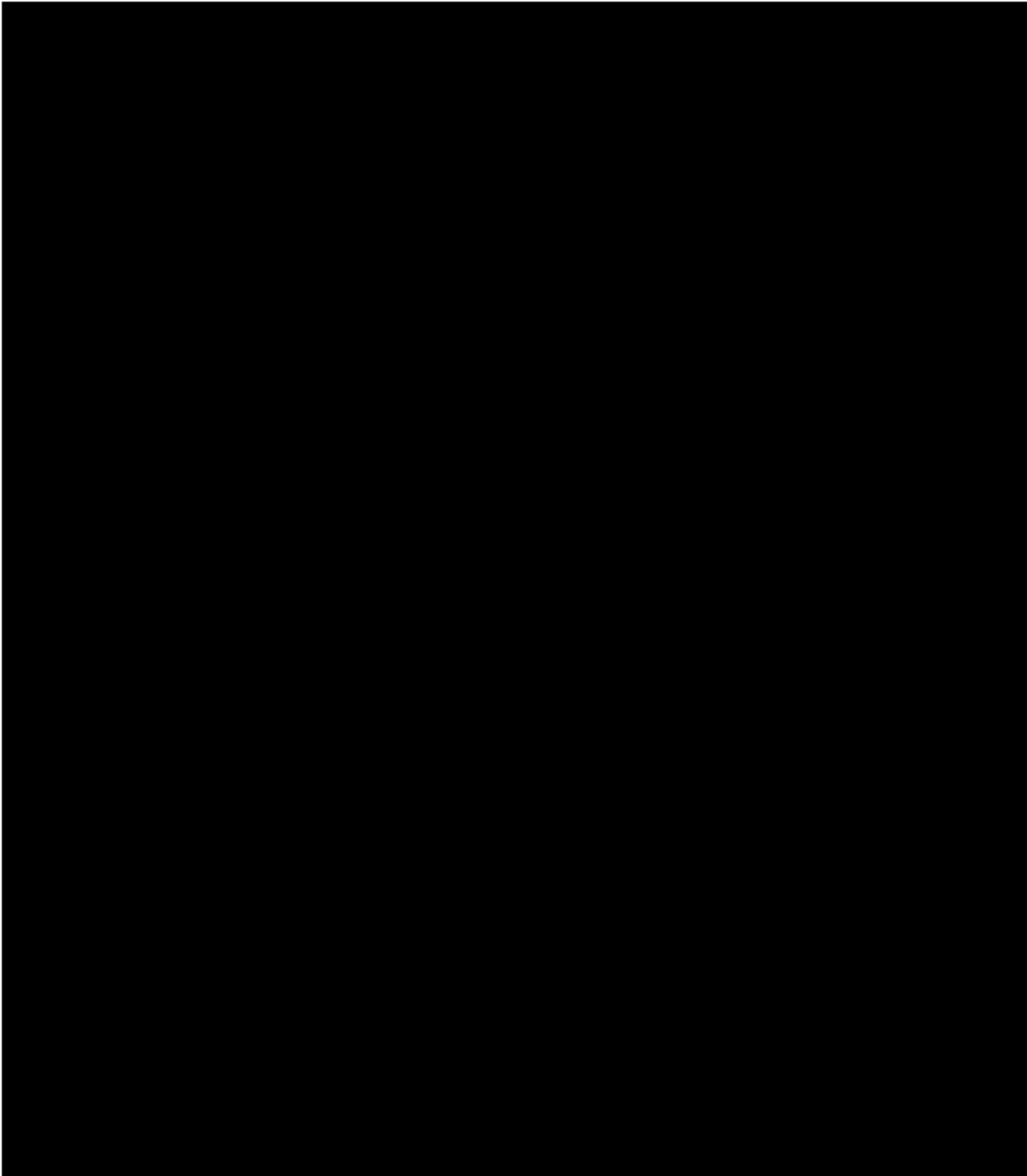
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Signed by Mr Stephen Winthrop

Signed on: 29 August, 2022

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## **Lie's, Fake News, Misinformation, or their Own Agenda.**

This is again to give an insight to Defence continued misuse of the truth which strikes at their credibility. It is up to the DHAAT to decide if statements by defence match the evidence. If not Defence have no credibility

I know I have repeated some things from my earlier submissions, but I do think it is important to reinforce theses and make it very clear what Defence say may differ from the truth.

Defence statement 3.29 – h, in their submission to DHAAT submission 2022.

‘Rifle Company was never required in an emergency ground defence capacity **other than exercise purpose**’

Defence clearly says that we were only required at the GDOC for **exercise purpose**.

**Is it a lie, fake news, misinformation or their own agenda?**

I refer you to my first submission No 90 Commanding Officer’s report. RCB activated due to ground threat. It clearly say OERATIONAL, it does not say for exercise purpose.

Do not Defence read their own documents, where are their highly acclaimed senior researches? they cannot find these very basic documents. What is the use of paying them if they cannot find them?

Defence’s much loved statement, and repeated over and over again.

‘There was no war or emergency in Malaysia after the 11 August 1966’ even though they continuously refer to it in their submissions.

**Is it a lie, Fake News, Misinformation, or their own agenda?**

1. They should read the

Malaysian Government Paper, Insurgency of Armed Communism in West Malaysia. I can lend Defence a copy if they do not have one.

2. The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of RCB – Protecting RMAF Base during the resurgence of the Communist Insurgency 1970 – 1989.

The Public Relations Department in Defence went in to overdrive with that one. In all their public releases they just over looked and pretend the Malaysian Chief of Defence said - Protecting RMAF Base Butterworth during the resurgence of the Communist Insurgency. It was Defence attempt to rewrite history.

These statements by Defence just makes a mockery of the truth, and leaves Defence with no credibility.

I do not see why we should have to waste our time proving the Malaysian Insurgency 1968 to 1989 happened it is history, and for Defence to use these pathetic statements show they will go to any length to hide the truth, again Defence has no credibility.

I’m starting to think their highly acclaimed senior researchers were taking their wagers under false pretences, they seem not to be able to find any documents relating to the Malaysian Communist Insurgency, 1968 – 1989. All they need to do is pick up the telephone and talk to the Malaysian Ambassador, he is only a few suburbs away.

Defence often like to say it could not be a war-like because Butterworth was never attacked.

Is this one of their typical, nothing to see here, move along to divert you from the truth, to muddy the waters, to hide their agenda.

1. Ubon was in Thailand which was not involved in any war, and received the AASM, and were never attacked.
2. Diego Garcia, 1600 km across the ocean from the conflict, not attacked, and received the AASM.
3. Namibia never attacked, received AASM.
4. Somalia, HMAS Tobruk and Jervis Bay never attacked received AASM.

I wonder if there is a double standard here.

I think Defence should stand up for what they believe in and take away the AASM for any area which was never attacked.

Why must Defence use these pathetic statements to mislead you, instead of focusing on the real issues which makes it a war-like operation, they run a mile away to avoid it, they will not go anywhere near it.

Another favourite statement of defence.

There was no threat to Butterworth.

**A Lie, Fake News, Misinformation or their own agenda?**

On 11 March 1971, the Australian High in Kuala Lumpur J. R. Rowland to Department of Foreign Mr Cook, Defence Mr Blakers OBE, and JIO, Air DAFI and HQ RAAF, Air Base Butterworth Air Cdre Parker DFC, AFC. Air Base Butterworth Security Folio 107. Attached was a recorded of conversation between the Deputy Director of Military Intelligence Lt.Col Ahmad Bin Haji Abdul Kadir, ABS PKK.

The High Commissioner acknowledge the Lt.Col considered the threat more serious than Special Branch, it was considered the Army was closer to the threat, their view was creditable.

Lt. Col Ahmad reported 'the threat to all RMAF Bases was now seriously regarded' He assessed Butterworth a probable target owing to the number of sympathisers in the area and the recent increase in enemy numbers.

When the Deputy Director of Military Intelligence tells you Butterworth was a probable target by the enemy or sympathisers any reasonable would say there was a threat to Butterworth.

Let's not forget the direct orders for all underground units to rocket attack all RMAF Bases. Any reasonable person would consider that to be a threat. SECTET Brief 5644/B8/28.

Again another document their acclaimed senior researchers were not able to locate.

Defence never mentions that Butterworth was involved in a war against the Communist Terrorist.

Butterworth was used in and fighting a war from, but it does not fit their mantra. Nothing to see here move along,

Defence has yet to explain why they sent combat troops with front line weapons and ball ammunition to a country with a Communist insurgency going on, and the CT's aim was to overthrow the elected government by armed force,

Defence has yet to explain why they sent combat troops with front line weapons and ball ammunition to a Royal Malaysian Air Base which was involved in and fighting a war from, for training! and pigs might fly.

Anyone who believes we were sent there for training lives in fairy land.

It is inconceivable that would happen. The real reason as we know was to provide a Quick Reaction Force to protect our assets and Butterworth from a Communist Terrorist attack during the Communist Insurgency. After the Peace Accord was signed the QRF and carrying Ball ammunition ended. The evidence is there.

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The Military was not involved against them, only very occasionally.

**Is it a Lie, Fake News, Misinformation, or their own agenda?**

Division and Brigade Operations against the CT's, and air operations by RMAF Base Butterworth, as disclosed in my earlier submissions.

If Defence statement does not stand up to the evidence, then Defence does not have any credibility.

This is all about credibility, about the credibility to give accurate and truthful evidence. If statements by Defence does not stand up to the evidence, then Defence submission cannot be relied upon.