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Submission to Inquiry - Mr Paul Jordan

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:

Rifle Company Butterworth Recognition Group And all Veterans

Part 3 – Desired outcome

Provide a summary of your submission:

Recognition of service, 1984 Charlie Company 5th/7th Battalion Royal Australian Regiment was deployed to Butterworth Malaya, We were there to take over duties from another Rifle Company who had finished their deployment, these duties we were told were to Protect Australian assets at the Butterworth Airbase, which included fighter Jets, and Air Force Personnel and their Families. The air base was shared with our allies Malaya who had squadrons and ground forces who protected perimeter fences and main gate which was heavily protected by a sandbag bunker and the ever present Malay Guards, prior to our deployment we were told to make out our wills and given intelligence on the problems in Malaya and what we may encounter whilst on deployment as in the communist terrorist threat, so never was the word training ever used, always deploying too. During my deployment I remember on many occasions seeing fighters take off with bomb loads and return empty, as other Diggers would have seen as well. Charlie Company Deployed to Malacca to work with the Malay Infantry, where we were housed in the old Australian Barracks and from there we went with the Malays on exercise in the jungle, we were told that we may encounter hostiles whilst in the jungle, if this happened we were to retreat away from hostiles, and leave to Malay troops as they were carrying live ammunition and from memory I think Platoon Sergeants had a magazine, none of us were allowed so if it did hit the fan how many.

mates would have been injured due to this training. Whist my section was on ready reaction for incidents, our magazines were fully loaded, that night we were alerted to a possible breach to the base and a figure seen around ammunition bunkers, we deployed to the area by truck, after dismounting we were given the order to load, we then broke into formation and searched area and we encountered a figure near a bunker and was given the engagement in Malay, in English I think it was Stop or I will Shoot, As I was forward scout and had my sargent along side I had sighted a human being for the first time with a loaded weapon, the person turned out to be an air base guard away from his post going to toilet. photographs are of Charlie Company in Malacca having a welcome lunch put on by Malays CCoy1, 2, 3 are our diggers and officers mingling with the same from Malays and there was a Malay General there as well 8platoon lined up ready to deploy to Malacca Waiting to board is a Platoon Sargent and Platoon commander waiting to board Hercules.

Part 4 - Your submission and Supporting Documentation

File Attached: CCoy1.jpg

CCoy2.jpg

CCoy3.jpg

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waiting-to-board.jpg

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

Paul Jordan

Date

31/08/2022 /

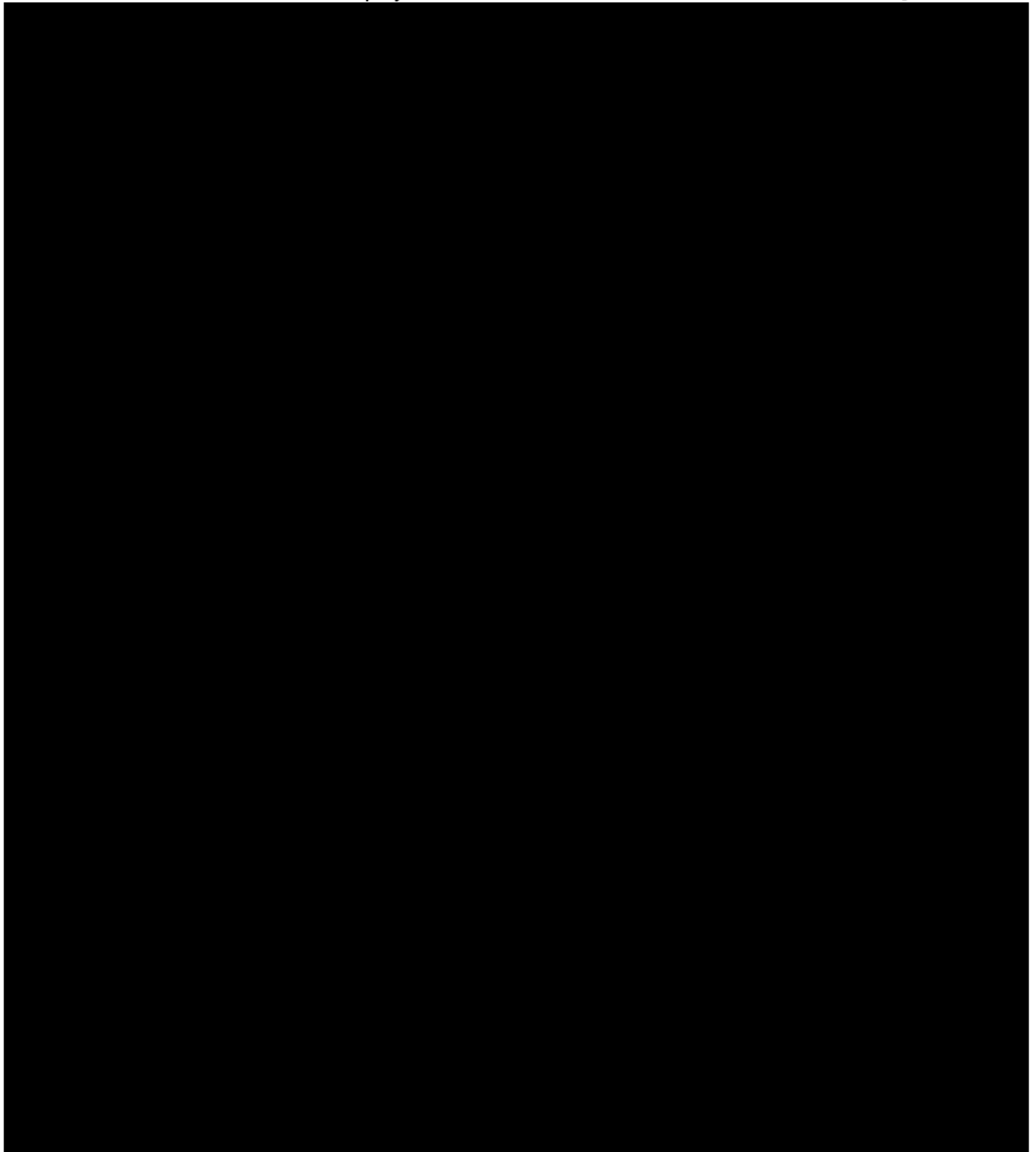


Signed by Mr Paul Jordan

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