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Submission to Inquiry - Warrant Officer Class One (retired) Graham Toll

Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

Graham Toll

Part 2 – About the Submitter

Title or Rank *

Warrant Officer Class One (retired)

Given Names *

Graham

Surname *

Toll

Post-nominals (if applicable)

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Postcode *

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State *

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Primary Contact Number *

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Secondary Contact Number

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

Part 3 – Desired outcome

Provide a summary of your submission:

I joined the Army in 1971 and was allocated to the RAInf Corps and after training was posted to the 8th Battalion, Royal Australia Regiment, My regimental number is 221297 and my rank was Pte. In 1973 I was serving in A Coy of the Battalion and we were addressed by our OC warning us that we were being deployed to Jungle Warfare Centre (JWC) to undergo training prior to being deployed to Malasia, Our roll would be to guard and protect Australian assess and the RAAF members and their families serving there from CT's. We were

informed that we would be armed and that we had to learn words in Maylasia to worn locals to stop or we would fire. At JWC we were contently told by the staff what we were expected to do and that the training we were doing was the same for those who had been deployed to Vietnam. Part of the training I remember was doing an attack where live ammution was fired above our heads and explosions going off too our left and right. The staff continued to push that we were being deployed on operations and we need to get our shit together. I remember being told that we had to fill out our will and ensure everything was in order in case we did not come home alive. I also remember the Commanding Officer coming down from Brisbane and talk about our deployment and what he and our country expected of us and our task ahead. On return to Brisbane after JWC we were given pre-deployment leave to go home and see our families prior to deployment as the first group to deploy from Australia. Whiles on the deployment our roll consisted of training to start with which included deploying around the Air Base to vital assess protection from the back of trucks at speed carrying live ammunition in the action position. At no stage did we know if there was CT's on the base until we had secured the area we were sent to. Whilst we were deployed at no time did we deploy outside the wire on exercise for training unless it was to go to the range where we always had life ammution contrary to what I have read from defence. I have one question and I do not want to take away from what they did but when 17 Construction Squadron deployed to Namibia the deployment was not Active Service however this was later changed which I support. They carried live ammution the same as us and faced the same threat us we did not knowing who the enemy was. I am prepared to give front the hearing if required. I served for over 40 years in the regular Army and a few mor in the GRES and to be treated this way by our government and defence is downright disgraceful.

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

Graham Toll

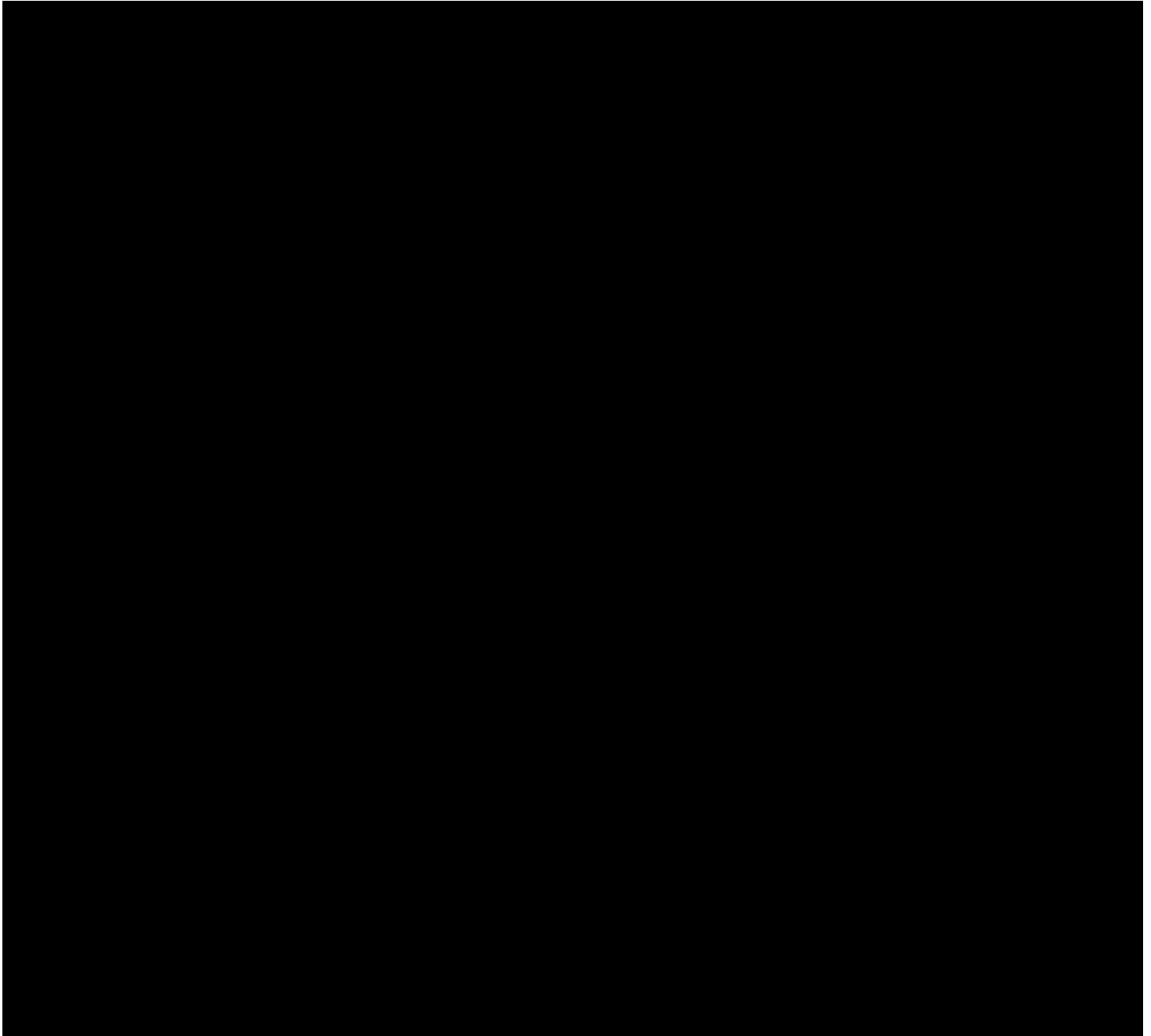
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