



### SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY

This form must cover a submission to the inquiry

Name of Inquiry: MEDALIC RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE WITH RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERNORTH

#### About the Submitter

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Is the Submission on behalf of an organisation? If yes, please provide details: NO

#### Desired Outcome

Provide a summary of your submission.

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE AT BUTTERNORTH 1971-1974 AS WARRIOR SERVICE.

Please attach your submission and any supporting documentation



### Consent and Declaration

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- a. persons or organisations required to assist with the inquiry; and
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I declare that the information I have provided is correct.

Signature:

*G. R. McLean*

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G. R. MCLEAN

Date:

6th JANUARY 2023

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Statement in support of Recognition of RCB Service.

I served at RAAF Butterworth from 1971 to 1974 and was an Lac MTFitt2. I was a member of the Base Scuba club, and regularly dived in the Islands north of SongSong range. We hired a local prawn trawler to transport us and all our Scuba gear, to those dive sites. The trawler was owned by the head of the Penang fleet ,and we became close friends over many journeys. Diving trips occurred every second or third weekend..

The Captain, Lim , would always let me know at the beginning of each trip, where Chin Peng, the leader of the communist resistance, was that week. He was able to move freely throughout Malaysia, and was regularly in Penang, or Butterworth according to these reports. Lim always told me "Mclean, you know he has an Australian wife? and she is blonde". I was never able to vertufy thgis, but it was plain to me that operations by the communists were likely at any time.

I also learned to fly powered aircraft at the Penang Flying club. The Chief of the club was an RMAF Wing Commander Ghopal Ramdas. He was also Commanding Officer of the base north of Butterworth. He told me that there were often air to ground attack operations from the base to combat communists near the Thai border.

I had sufficient information to be sure that a real risk of violence could occur during my service, and never let my family go anywhere unacompanied.

As there was no formal ending to the confrontation and atttempts to raise a treaty were not fruitful, I consider that the period of confrontation extended well into the 1980's

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