



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

- 1 ☒ I consent to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal making my submission publicly available.
OR
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- 2 I also consent to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal:
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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:

G. R. McLean

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G. R. MCLEAN

Date:

6 & 7 JANUARY 2023

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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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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Glenn R. McLean

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