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Submission to Inquiry - PTE Glenn Breedon

Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

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Part 2 – About the Submitter

Title or Rank *

PTE

Given Names *

Glenn

Surname *

Breedon

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Suburb *

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Postcode *

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State *

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Email Address: *

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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:

NO

Part 3 – Desired outcome

Provide a summary of your submission:

SUPPORT FOR RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH MEDALLIC RECOGNITION

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

GLENN BREEDON

Date

17/01/2023

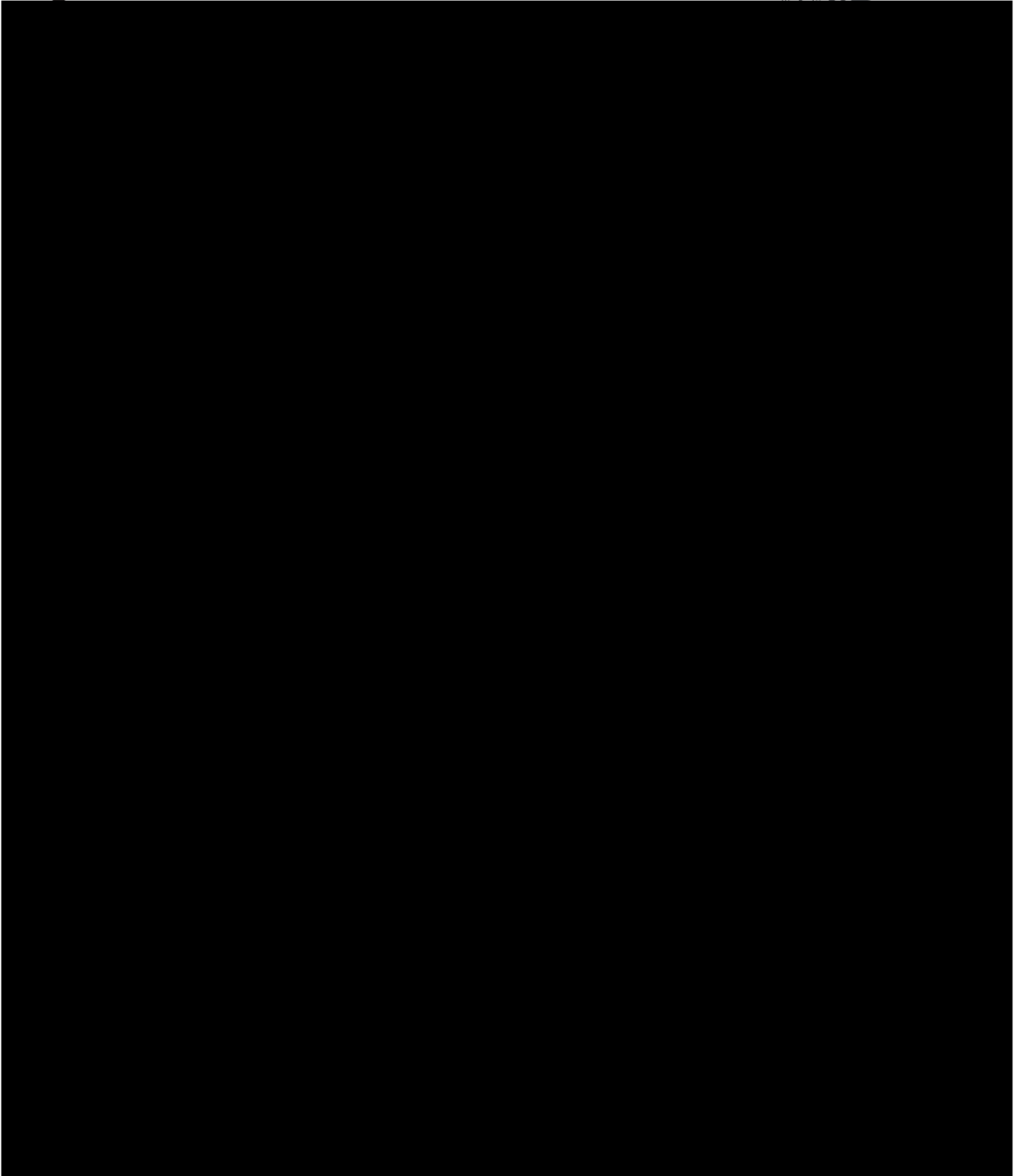


Signed by PTE Glenn Breedon

Signed on: 17 January, 2023

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In 1978 I was a member of the 8/9 battalion of the Royal Australian Regiment when they formed "D" Company from a composite of the other existing companies in the battalion at the time.

We had to do all the same jungle training as the Vietnam veterans which included Canungra Land Warfare Centre .

We landed in Malaysia on the 31st of October 1978 in a military air base near Alor Setar in North Malaysia and lined up. Almost immediately were told that we would be working alongside the 9th battalion Royal Malaysian Regiment, who were on operational service on the Malay/Thai border actively fighting the communist terrorist threat going on at the time. We were then issued live ammunition along with blank ammo and told we had to put the live ammo in both our back packs and in our basic pouches separated from the blank rounds.

We were told that we were not to use the live ammo unless we were ordered to.

Shortly after (a day or two), we were choppered into the jungle on the Malay/Thai border and worked closely with the Malay soldiers. At one stage, we were told that we were being followed up by communist insurgents and that we should keep going and the Malaysians would hang back and take care of them.

There were a few incidents, one of which was a "contact rear", which we reacted to and stayed on full alert all that night. A "contact rear" is where the rear element of a force (usually an Infantry patrol) is in contact with the enemy and gunfire is exchanged.

We often saw choppers and war planes passing overhead and when we returned to Alor Setar we often saw choppers with bullet holes in them and wounded on board landing on the parade ground.

After about a month or 5 weeks we returned to Alor Setar for the last time and were re deployed to Butterworth air base where we again saw warplanes leaving fully loaded and returning empty and Malay soldiers and airmen on walking sticks or with limbs missing. I am not writing this for my own benefit but for the thousands of other army and airforce personnel who deserve to be recognised for their service over there and deserve the proper entitlement.

I consent to this letter being made public and to be used by the DHAAT if they wish to do so.

Everything I have written is true and correct as I remember it .

Yours sincerely
Glenn Breedon