

Consent and Declaration

- 1 I **consent** to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal making my submission publicly available.
OR
 I **do not consent** to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal making my submission publicly available. My reasons are:

- 2 I also **consent** to the Defence Honours and Awards Appeals Tribunal:
- a. using information contained in my submission to conduct research;
 - b. providing a copy of my submission to a person or organisation considered by the Tribunal to be appropriate;
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 - d. using content in my submission in its report to Government.

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:



Print name:

Ronald Turfboer

Date:

23 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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My service at RCB was with 8/9RAR A Coy 1st platoon No1 section my role was No1 scout I was pte Ronald Turfboer reg no 328708 my primary weapon was an M16 my tasks were to lead the section on patrols the rest of the platoon carried normal small arms weapons

Our tasks were to patrol and to protect the Airbase and the RAAF personnel and their families we were given live rounds and Rules of engagement cards and carried them constantly in our webbing

There was an expectation of casualties but not likely we were told the enemy were present Wether seen or not and to be ready regardless

We carried out exercises with the Malaysian Army and were taught jungle craft

One day while on exercise with Acoy 1 platoon was separated from the rest of the company we were lost in the jungle and in ct territory at the time the C.O.of the battalion Lt

Col.G.J.McKay,M.C. was with us observing our skills and tactics himself and the platoon Co Lt Scott Blakemore explained that we were lost and the 3 forward Scouts were tasked with getting us out of the jungle and to find a road so we could radio for transport

The forward Scouts were given live rounds 5 each as the platoon Co carried a full 20 round magazine in case of Tiger attack we went to the state of Action with our weapons the Scouts were told if we were contacted by the enemy to aim for one shot one kill and to secure the enemy weapon and distribute the ammunition amongst the rest of the platoon

I can tell you the danger was REAL the other 2 Scouts Pte B.Hunter and Pte P.B.Curtiss (who was tragically killed whilst serving at RCB)

Completed the task of finding a way out of the jungle on doing so the C.O.Lt Col.G.J.Mckay M.C. brought the platoon together and said and I quote-

Be sure to thank the forward Scouts in your own time as they have literally saved your lives
Unquote .