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Submission to Inquiry - Mr John Summers

Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

Name of Inquiry *

Medallic recognition for service with Rifle Company Butterworth.

Part 2 – About the Submitter

Title or Rank *

Mr

Given Names *

John

Surname *

Summers

Post-nominals (if applicable)

Street Number and Name *


Suburb *


Postcode *


State *


Email Address: *


Primary Contact Number *


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:

Recognition of Warlike Service

Part 4 - Your submission and Supporting Documentation

File Attached: RCB-Submission-2-1.docx

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.

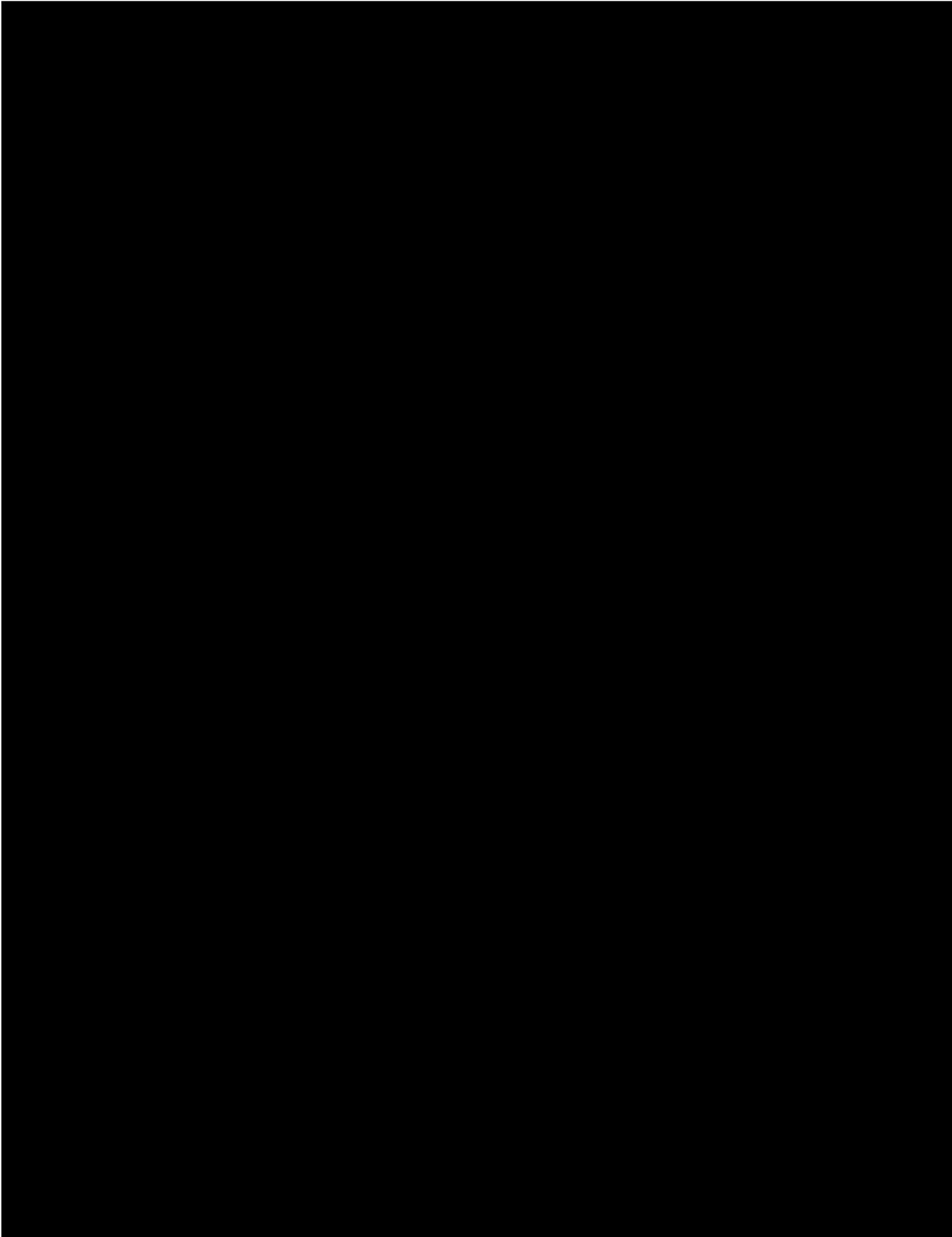
Name

John Summers

Date

16/02/2023

Mr John Summers
(Awaiting Signature)



I want to address a point made in the submission made by the DOD, January 2023.

In there submission it was stated that the roving piquet's patrolled with "pick handles."

In 1985, serving with SPT Coy 6RAR, when I was tasked with this duty, both myself and PTE K. Smith were armed with SLR's and live ammunition. We carried 3 magazines of live rounds. The SLR' weapon state was loaded.

Our ROE were, to challenge suspected CT 3 times and if there was no compliance to the challenge we were authorised to open fire with no further orders required to do so.

The ROE that I operated under did not mention anything about "doubt" or aiming to "wound." Only that our authority ended at the perimeter fence unless ordered otherwise by a superior officer.