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## Submission to Inquiry - Mr Ross Peskett

### Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

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Medallic Recognition for Service with Rifle Company Butterworth.

### Part 2 – About the Submitter

**Title or Rank \***

Mr

**Given Names \***

Ross

**Surname \***

Peskett

**Post-nominals (if applicable)**

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**Suburb \***

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**Postcode \***

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**State \***

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**Is the Submission on behalf of an organisation? If yes, please provide details:**

NO.

### Part 3 – Desired outcome

**Provide a summary of your submission:**

Medallic recognition of service at RCB in the form of the Australian Service Medal. I served at RCB with B Coy 6RAR, Oct-Dec 1978. I was under the belief that we were deployed at Butterworth to protect the base from communist guerrillas, be their to provide aid the civil powers in case of civilian unrest and to be a rear guard to evacuate the RAAF from Butterworth and Penang Island in case of a communist up rising. \* One night we were

called out for real and as the M 60 gunner I went to action, one male was detained, but I still sit up in bed some nights and wonder what might have been. \* Malay choppers regularly returned to Butterworth full of bullet holes from ground fire, they parked next to our location. \* The armoury was always manned by an armed guard 24hrs a day. \* Lcpl Mills was killed outside the front gate, we couldn't go to his funeral, we never even had a memorial service and to this day I don't really know what happened to him. \* I spent 10 days attached to a RAAF C130 crew on flood relief in Thailand, we moved 250 tons of rice and AV Gas to all parts of the country while no other aircraft could get off the ground. I am still waiting for my Humanitarian medal. In Australia we have a mean government when it comes to dishing out honours and awards, our Officer Corps is unreliable and does not support our diggers yet we are the reason they shine. Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Kind regards [REDACTED] Tpr Ross Peskett (TPI).

## 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**

Ross Peskett

**Date**

22/02/2023



Signed by Mr Ross Peskett

Signed on: 22 February, 2023

