



## SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY

This form must cover a submission to the inquiry

Name of Inquiry

Medallic recognition for service  
with Rifle Company Butterworth

### About the Submitter

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MR

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O'HAIRE

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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.

RE the submission by Dr Paul Richard  
Am 0966 at Page 53 (para 8ch) first  
dot point it is stated that Private  
Wayne Charles Sutherland was killed  
on 17 October 1971 as part of  
Rifle Company Butterworth. This  
point is incorrect. Private Wayne  
Charles Sutherland was a member

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**  
☐ 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:

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Date:

3 MAR 23

## Lodging your submission

Further information, including the inquiry's Terms of Reference can be found at [www.defence-honours-tribunal.gov.au](http://www.defence-honours-tribunal.gov.au)

Once you are satisfied with your submission, return this form and all supporting documents

### By Post:

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of the 6<sup>th</sup> Battalion RAR stationed  
Selarang Barracks Singapore and  
was killed by lightning on the  
6RAR Ex Swamp Fox 2 at  
Mersing Malaysia on 7 October 1971.  
Ex Swamp Fox 2 was the second  
6RAR shake out exercise since its  
arrival in Singapore/Malaysia in  
July 1971 and was in no way part  
of Rifle Company Butterworth. In  
1971 the term used for your compa-  
rotation to Butterworth was simply  
your company name. i.e. D Coy 6RAR  
(Coy/Nov 71).

## Desired Outcome

I hope a fact check by Dr. Paul Robard  
on DVA on the circumstances of the  
death of Private Wayne Charles  
Sotherland will correct this detail. It  
is important that the death of an  
Australian soldier in the service of  
his Nation be recorded correctly.

R. O'Haire  
3 Mar 23

Ex 6RAR 70-73.