

**SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY**

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Name of Inquiry

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Date:

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ATTENTION MR STEPHEN SKEHILL  
CHAIR DEFENCE HONORS AND AWARD  
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SUBJECT: SILVER BULLET

I listened to the proceedings today 4 Apr  
and there was lengthy discussion  
on something that would only happen in  
a war zone (my terminology). I hope  
the following is just that.

I served the complete tour of the  
6th Battalion RAR in Singapore/MALYSIA  
July 1971 to November 1973 in  
Dey.

Our first tour to Butterworth was  
from Oct 71 to Nov 71 and  
what made our tour different  
was the mode of travel from  
Singapore to Butterworth.

Dey traveled to Butterworth  
in uniform and armed by  
train. It was an overnight trip.

The trip from Singapore to Kuala  
Lumpur was overnight and on arrival  
we were taken to a hotel.



adjacent to the Kuala Lumpur  
railway station to shave and  
have breakfast. On our return  
to the station the train had been  
re-figured and now there  
was a flat top wagon in  
front of the engine then our two  
carriages. Highly personal and  
some not a "Race Time"  
activity.

We proceeded from Kuala Lumpur  
in our carriages in front of  
the engine to Georgetown - Butterworth.  
From Ipoh north all bridges  
were fortified with Malaysia Military.

I would imagine the Malaysian railway  
had some Emergency SOP that  
put Military in front of Engines  
for this leg of the journey.

To the best of my knowledge all  
other GARA rotations to Butterworth  
were flown there. Perhaps  
the obvious "Danger" of being  
in front of the engine with nothing to  
discharge us from Malaysia  
Defence Reserve! was the  
reason for the change in travel  
arrangements.

When at Butterworth we went



as far north as Alor Star. Our  
normal roster for ORF was 1  
A 3- armed and sitting in the  
reaction room. Our masks were not  
taped. You would expect to  
be activated at least once in  
your 24th roster. Last point  
there was no order about shoot  
to wound. When activated you  
never know if it was a Drill or an  
Action.

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