



SUBMISSION TO INQUIRY

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Name of Inquiry: MEDALLIC RECOGNITION FOR SERVICE WITH RIFLE COMPANY BOTTLEWORTH

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ATTENTION MR STEPHEN SKEHILL
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SUBJECT: SILVER BUCKET

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 GRAR stations to Butterworth
were down there. Perhaps
the obvious "Danger" of being
in front of the engine with nothing to
discharge us from Malaysia
Defense Personnel 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 keys 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 word. When activated you
never know if it was a Drill or an
Action.

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