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## Submission to Inquiry - Dr. Craig Ellery

### Part 1 – Name of Inquiry

**Name of Inquiry \***

Rifle Company Butterworth

### Part 2 – About the Submitter

**Title or Rank \***

Dr.

**Given Names \***

Craig

**Surname \***

Ellery

**Post-nominals (if applicable)**

**Street Number and Name \***

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**Primary Contact Number \***

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**Secondary Contact Number**

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

### Part 3 – Desired outcome

**Provide a summary of your submission:**

As the Pingat Jasa Malaysia is awarded for service during the Malayan Emergency and the Second Malaysian Emergency it should be awarded to those members who served at Rifle Company Butterworth. It is commonly known the Malaysian Government wanted to issue this award but the Department of Defence refused the award due to their time-honored stance of refuting RCB service as anything but peacetime service. This notion has been disproved by the tribunal. The award does not mention 'war service' but service to Malaysia. If nothing else, the RCB veterans should at least receive an award that was offered by Malaysia and receive at

least some recognition as their peers in the Malaysian military. The Malaysian Service Medal (Pingat Jasa Malaysia) is a medal given by the King and Government of Malaysia. Established 3 March 2004, the medal recognizes service by members of the Malaysian Armed Forces during the Malayan Emergency, Second Malayan Emergency, and the Indonesia–Malaysia confrontation. The medal was also offered for award to members of the Commonwealth forces from Australia, Fiji, India, Nepal, New Zealand, and the United Kingdom who served in Malaysia during the Malayan Emergency and the Indonesia–Malaysia confrontation. The award is in recognition of "distinguished chivalry, gallantry, sacrifice, or loyalty" in contributing to the freedom of independence of Malaysia. The medal can be conferred and accepted posthumously by next of kin.

## 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**

Craig Ellery

**Date**

11/05/2023



Signed by Dr. Craig Ellery

Signed on: 11 May, 2023

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