

INTRO; My name is Winston O Parry ,I was a professional soldier for 35 years. I served in 6 different Battalions in the RAR. I have been on ACTIVE, NON ACTIVE and SPECIAL SERVICE! I served in 3 RAR in Malaya from July 63- Nov 65....Vietnam 2 tours with 2RAR ,8RAR and AATTV.

I served in RCB in 1973 (first one from Australia) with 8RAR 1974-75 8/9 and 1976 again with 8/9.

I was a Senior Corporal later on with a rapid promotion to Warrant Officer Class 2.

MAIN POINTS.

I watched the case on Computer on the 3rd -4th April, however I missed the last session!

MAIN POINT!! WEAPON READINESS AND AMMO ON BASE! All live rounds on base .Magazines loaded kept in Duty Room and given out on STAND TO or to REACT TO VP(VULNERABLE POINT) Troops on LOAD to tactically use storm drains to assault the VP. I used to sometimes order action !! At truck all weapons INSPECTED !

POINT! TAPED ROUNDS ON DUTY IN RCB! NEVER! NEVER! (IT would be impossible to place the taped rounds into the magazine housing of the rifle)

TRAINING IN PALUDA (NEAR Jahore Baru JB)

I worked in this training area as a young soldier training the 1ST ROYAL ULSTER RIFLES (1 RUR) IN 1964 prior to them going to fight in Sarawak) This training area was always deemed safe in those days (on active service due to The Indonesian Confrontation and The Second Emergency) Ammo used there was BLANK .However some soldiers are saying live!! In my tours ,2 realible soldiers CARRIED TAPED ROUNDS, usually the PL SERGEANT .CORPORAL CARRIED THESE ROUNDS IN A SAFE PLACE IN WEBBING! NOTE! They were for Tigers not CTS! That was exactly how it was in 1964!

If other Battalions gave LIVE to all soldiers ,they were inviting problems! 8 and 8/9 were good sensible units and good to be a NCO in!

LOCAL LEAVE ON THE RCB.

The Army of today and of Afgan experiences would be horrified that one could be on Active Service AND GO ON LEAVE.

This leave in the Areas I was in Malaysia (not Sarawak) was always on when the situation suited.

The soldiers had it in the Emergency ,we had it in the Indonesian Confrontation and hence we had it on the RCB when intel reports were favourable!

USING TODAY'S ARMY ORDERS AND REPORTS

I realize that to make a lawful decision ,new SOPs must be used. However ,over the years Generals have changed.ideas have changed! The old doctrines that I knew all my time at war ,were ,It seems diluted ! It seems that terminologies are now long winded and sadly gone WOKE! I pray that aspect will be considered in the decision!" SHOOT TO WOUND" was never heard of on my tours to the RCB! Actually the signs around the base said" BERHENTI ! BERHENTI (STOP) SHOOT TO KILL"

EXPECTATION OF CASUALTIES

We were sent to a country which was at war.,even though we were sent under false pretences of Protecting our Assets and Training Malays Soldiers. Whitlam was known to promise Australia that he did not want us involved with any further actions in S-E Asia!

However! HE REALISED THAT ALL THE NZ and AUST TROOPS were gone? What about the Airbase,assets and families ? That was why we were hastily despatched to THE AIRBASE IN 1973 from Australia! His next problem was keeping his promise to Australia about green troops in SE Asia! This was done by troops only there to protect assets and train Malays! I did not even talk to a Malay Soldier on my 3 TOURS! With all the fierce fighting and casualties the Malays were taking ,very close to us,I thought in private we would be hit! There WERE always in my tours ,reports of enemy sitings and mortar base plates sitings.

The Chair mentioned we never went to RED ALERT on the base.I believe ,the reason for that was the RAAF COMMANDERS were experienced and did not panic !

In CRW (COUNTER REVOLUTIONARY WAR)the enemy would not attack in a large force anyway!

CONCLUSION

I was just a Infantry Corporal who carried out his duties in a responsible way.I have nothing to gain from RCB gaining their rights to the entitlements.; Act

ually I had the ASM for being in the riots in Singapore in 1964, I was in the British Hospital.

I am very impressed with the manner of the DHAATS board! Professor Stevens certainly knew his job!

MY LAST REMARK

I walked around Vietnam with B coy 2RAR FOR ABOUT 5 MONTHS AND DID NOT FIRE A SHOT!! I hope the CHAIR takes into account

,that the actions of the RCB AND THEIR ABILITY, MAY HAVE JUST MADE THE ENEMY HESITANT TO ATTACK!

All Active Service is not up the guts all the time,

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