

TIMELINE OF KEY EVENTS – RCB DEPLOYMENT

FARELF and Strategic Policy to assist British and then Malaysian & Singaporean Governments with defence – period includes the Malayan Emergency and Konfrontasi (**range of sources in database and general history**)



25 Feb 69 - PM Gorton confirms intent in Parliament to deploy troops again to Malaysia incl Butterworth (**Document 19690225**)



9 Dec 69 - Joint Planning Committee Report 42/1969 into Defence of Shared Military Installations in Malaysia/Singapore *recommends troops be sent direct from Australia* from 1971 (**19691209**). Chiefs of Staff Committee (COSC) agree (**19691219**)



1 Dec 71 - Australia and Malaysia sign *Bilateral Agreement* to deploy a rifle company to Butterworth (**19711201**) – **Note:** First rifle companies already deployed **from 1 Nov 70** from Singapore as a stop-gap measure over a year before this official step is taken



1970-73 - Multiple staff actions to provide an ANZUK company from Singapore *to protect* RAAF assets at Butterworth; numerous documents stating growing concerns about security there once the ANZUK force is withdrawn)



11 Jan 73 – Defence Committee Minute 2/1973 advises government to deploy a rifle company **direct from Australia** for *protection* tasks, presenting that deployment as being “*for training purposes*” (**19730111**). Government accepts this advice



3 Jul 73 – Chief of Staff Committee confirm command and control arrangements of the rifle company at Butterworth and confirms key task is *protection*, training last priority (**19730703**)



14 Aug 73 – Australian Joint Services Plan 1/1973 – *Plan Asbestos* is released – rifle company is deployed direct from Australia **(19730814)**

Malaysian official military history publications and official correspondence confirm the Second Malaysian Emergency 1968-89 as active (warlike) service for Malaysian Armed Forces

- **19940101** *Honour and Sacrifice: The Malaysian Armed Forces*
- **20010101** *The Malaysian Army's Battle against the Communist Emergency in Peninsula Malaysia 1968-1989*
- **20031025** Defense Advisor for Malaysia PP/A/108 dated 25 Oct 03 (COL Abdullah Yatim, RMAF Defence Advisor)
- **20041011** Malaysian Ministry of Defence KP/UNDG/333 Jil. 2 (S2) dated 11 Oct 2004
- **20071023** MAF MK td/PTD/46 Jil 6 dated 23 Oct 07 (MAJ Nasharuddin bin Mahomad, for Chief of Army (MAF))
- **20150101** *Malaysia's Defeat of Armed Communism: The Second Emergency 1968-1989*

18 Aug 06 - **First** RCB Submission **(20060818)**

10 Jun 10 – **(Second)** Addendum to Submission **(20100610)**

19 Sep 13 – **Third** letter/submission (to Minister for Defence) **(20130919)**

2014-15 – Multiple "**fourth/fifth**" approaches to Government including *Petition* are all rejected. Latest correspondence (from Department of House of Representatives Petitions Committee Secretariat) is **20151015**

20 Jan 16 - Appeal **(sixth)** direct to the Prime Minister of Australia **(20160120)** is refuted by the Assistant Minister for Defence without the PM seeing it **(20160506)**

7 Nov 16 - Appeal **(seventh)** direct to the Prime Minister of Australia **(20161107)**

8 Aug 17 – Formal **(eighth)** submission with Minister's permission **(20170808)**