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*Terima kasih dan jumpa lagi....Keep safe....*

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Yours faithfully,

*B. J. Selby*

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**Between the Republic of Indonesia and Malaysia**

**In realisation of the need for close and good relations between Indonesia and Malaysia, and manifested in our commitment to the “Manila Accord” as well as the brotherhood of the peoples of our two countries who share a common history and heritage.**

**We hereby wish to sincerely enter into this agreement under the respective authorities.**

**PHASE 1**

**The Malaysian government will solve the issues that have arisen in the two states due to the formation of Malaysia. Malaysia hereby agrees to allow the peoples of Sabah and Sarawak a direct opportunity to once again, and soonest possible, and on free democratic principles through elections to voice their previous decisions to be part of Malaysia.**

**PHASE 2**

**The government of Indonesia because of its desire to work with Malaysia as a close friend hereby agree to re-establish diplomatic relations immediately and both countries to take steps to exchange diplomats soonest.**

**PHASE 3**

**Malaysia and Indonesia agrees to look into all aspects of hostility between our nations and stop them henceforth.**

**PHASE 4**

**This agreement will take effect on this date. We the undersigned are signing under full authority of our respective governments who have agreed to these terms.**

**Signed in Jakarta this 11th day of August, 1966.**

**For and on behalf of Indonesia**

**For and on behalf of Malaysia**

**Adam Malik**

**Tun Abdul Razak**

## Who Are We....

The SE Asia area of Malaysia Singapore and Borneo is the area, other than Gallipoli, France and Belgium, that has caused more Australian Armed Forces casualties than any other place on earth. Post WW2, there have been two major undeclared wars, the Malayan Emergency from 1948-60 and the Indonesian Confrontation from 1962-66.

The Federal govt has now commenced compiling the Nominal Rolls for both of these undeclared wars....we need funding for a Memorial at the Australian War Memorial...



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**DID YOU SERVE IN MALAYA,  
MALAYSIA, BORNEO, SINGAPORE,  
BETWEEN 1948 and the present or,  
with the RAR  
RIFLE COMPANY BUTTERWORTH ?**



The SA & NT Branch Memorial  
War Memorial Gardens  
City of West Torrens  
Hilton SA

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# NMBVAA Inc NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The NMBVAA Inc was commenced in Australia in June, 1995. At this time NHQ is in Melbourne and can be sited in



any State in which the National President may be elected from.

Annual elections are held in the States in August, followed by the National AGM in September at a venue

agreed by the State committees.

**MEMBERSHIP** is open to former Armed Forces personnel from Australia, NZ, UK, Malaysia, and to personnel who served in ancillary organizations such as the Red Cross and attached Government Depts. Associate membership is available to the family members of all former service members and is very welcome.

Annual subscriptions in South Australia are inclusive of the SA NT newsletter, *The Observation Post*....



## NATIONAL ACCREDITATION

The NMBVAA Inc is a nationally accredited ESO with the Dept of Veteran's Affairs and the RSL, and is affiliated with kindred organizations, the NZ MVA, the NMBVA UK and Malaysian veterans.

## MEETINGS and FUNCTIONS

Meetings are held regularly in Branches to keep members up-to-date with changes to Pensions and Benefits to which they may be entitled. Social functions including luncheons, annual dinners, annual commemoration services; ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day.

## SA NT NEWS LETTER

The *Observation Post* is produced in SA and is published bi-monthly for distribution to all financial members. Members are encouraged to contribute articles to the news letter at any time.

## ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

**MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS' DAY** is now commemorated in Adelaide on the Saturday closest to 31 August as a Remembrance function.

## RAR UPLIFT



BY RAF Belvedere

**LEST WE FORGET  
KAMI JANGAN LUPAKAN**

## MEMBERSHIP .....cont.....

Campaigns to refer to for all eligibility of membership are: WW 2, the Malayan Emergency 1948-1960, the Indonesian Confrontation 1962-1966 and post 1966 operations on the Malaysian mainland, up to 1983.

**2/30 Bn Rifle Company Butterworth,** Australian Army is based at the RMAF Base Butterworth and is conducting training operations with the Malaysian Armed Forces in various areas, including the Thai-Malay border. All members who have been to, or, are presently deployed to Butterworth are very welcome to join the NMBVAA Inc

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**IN MEMORY OF THE  
AUSTRALIAN ARMED FORCES PERSONNEL  
WHO PAID THE SUPREME SACRIFICE  
DURING THE INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION  
1962 - 1966**

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## **THE INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION** **55TH ANNIVERSARY OF CEASE FIRE**

Post WW2 there have been two undeclared wars fought on the Malayan Peninsula, in Sabah and in Sarawak. The Malayan Emergency 1948 – 1960 and the Indonesian Confrontation with Malaysia 1962 – 1966. The Confrontation Peace Agreement was signed in Jakarta on 11 August, 1966.

It is now 55 years since that historic event and there is still no public War Memorial to either war in Canberra, or the Australian War Memorial precinct. It is long overdue and we owe it to our mates who never came home and their families, to construct a public War Memorial in their honour.

The Indonesian Confrontation commenced in December, 1962, because the Indonesian President, Sukarno, refused to accept the formation of the new nation of Malaysia which included the Malayan Peninsula, Penang Island, Sabah and Sarawak, calling it a manifestation of further British colonial control and threatened to crush Malaysia using military force.

Because of these threats, Tunku Abdul Raman, the Malaysian Prime Minister and father of Malaysia, requested urgent military assistance from the Commonwealth nations of Australia, New Zealand and the UK. Australia responded by deploying Navy, Army and Air Force units which increased the Australian military presence to the Army units already camped in Terendak Garrison, Malacca, and at the RAAF Base Butterworth, Kedah.

Operation *CLARET* began when Australian SAS squadrons, Infantry battalions and Artillery detachments, together with troops from New Zealand, the Gurkha army, British and Malaysian units were deployed along the Sarawak – Kalimantan border to prevent increasing cross border terrorist attacks by using well prepared search and counter ambush tactics. Incursions by sea and airborne troops from Kalimantan into the Malayan Peninsula were quickly stopped by Australian and British troops around Labis and Pontian. Documentation and maps captured from the Indonesian troops included the idea that local Malaysian sympathisers would assist them to cause damage to important water, railway and electricity infrastructure.

At the same time, Operation *LION'S ROAR* began along the Thai – Malay Border with Australian, Gurkha and British units to stop cross border movement of reinforcements, ammunition and small arms, food, medical supplies and contraband into the northern states of the Malayan Peninsula for the [irregular] communist groups in those areas.

LCPL Rambahadur Limbu VC, now retired Captain, was awarded the Victoria Cross for his actions in a very large ambush near Bau, Sarawak, on 23 September, 1965, and is now the sole surviving Gurkha VC soldier. He is resident in London with his wife due to the 2015 earthquake in Nepal.

This campaign was a complete victory. Not one inch of territory was lost. It and the Malayan Emergency are unique to all others that Australia has been committed to since WW2.

Australian casualties are: 2 x RAN, 23 x ARMY and 1 x RAAF

Brigadier Alf Garland AM MiD, CO 1 SQN SASR wrote an epitaph for the Confrontation....  
"No one knew we went up there, No one knew we fought there, And now, no one cares"....

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