

## **Merv Dicton**

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Ken Rundell In 1975 C Coy 2/4 RAR was stationed at Sembawang Bks, Singapore for 1 month Mar-Apr 75! We Exercised in Malaysia with 'Dutchy' Holland as our CSM! However at the time we were (exercising), A Coy 2/4 RAR was stationed at RCB! At the time Saigon was falling, A Coy was reacted by Hercs to Saigon but the Yanks wouldnt let them land due to Refugees running all over Tan Son Nhut runways the Yanks decided it was too dangerous; C Coy we were allotted to go to RCB to reinforce/take their place from Singapore! We in 2/4 RAR, both Coys had all signed the WOWS form, prior to embarkation! So what is the Australian Government trying to tell me 'Today'? That they would have reacted A Coy 2/4 RAR to Saigon Vietnam in 1975, with the option of reinforcing A Coy with C Coy without any of these Soldiers having "Volunteered for Active Service", volunteering to be used in such a manner by signing WOWS hahaha! Can you imagine the furore in Australia of the Public, Opposition or even the Diggers family who was killed without his signature 'volunteering' to do so? (Pull the other fucking leg)! When it became clear we were not required in Vietnam then C Coy returned to Townsville! My only other times of signing WOWS forms was prior to Vietnam and prior to employment at RCB 1979. When I was with a Rifle Company to RCB in 1987, I believe the DFDA was being used but the Army Act for WOWS was still in force; 1992 and 2000 no Active Service Form of any type was used. (Using WOWS was the only time Detention or Field Punishment could be used as a Punishment and inflicted on said Digger in any environment by an OC)!!! The ONLY place that an OC was allowed and ever awarded Legally the Punishment of Detention (detention in the RCB 'arms coat' ie the armoury) or Field Punishment; to my knowledge was ever ONLY at Rifle Company Butterworth!