

# BACKGROUND TO BUTTERWORTH ARMY BASE

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Butterworth, in northern Malaysia, is used by the Australian Army as a training facility for its regular and reserve army. Rifle Company Butterworth 83 is, as the name suggests, the 83rd group through the facility.

Each year, four Rifle Companies complete the deployment.

Soldiers practise tactics, improve their battle shooting, learn about Australia's military history in South-East Asia, work with international troops and acclimatise to the tropical conditions.

The three platoons that make up RCB 83 contain about 30 soldiers each from various corps and states of Australia.

Tasmania represents a crucial plank in RCB 83 with its commanding officer and 2IC both from the North of the State.