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From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer

Remembering that when we swore the “**Oath of Allegiance**” it was for “**God, Queen and Country**”. **The Queen is our Commander in Chief. We were/are Commonwealth Soldiers.**

The following is an excerpt from the Solicitors that I found very interesting as the wording could very well apply to the MOU.

“ It is not sufficient to condemn such a policy as irrational (when) the Court considers it has excluded a circumstance that the Court considers rational. If a reasonable Minister properly directing himself has concluded that it is not. However where the Minister has explained why the policy has been brought into being and that it is intended to achieve, the Courts scrutiny may extend to consider whether its terms as understood and applied by officials have illogically and irrationally frustrated its purpose”

This sounds like the NZ Government.

Source Yorkshire Post a quote from Justice Nicholas Blake the residing Judge for the Gurkha Trial.

“The Judge quoted from *Military Covenant* that *Soldiers are expected to make personal sacrifices and put the needs of the Nation above their own and in return should always expect fair treatment and be valued and respected*”.

This did not happen the New Zealand Government and the New Zealand public let us down badly. **“They have Failed in Their Duty of Care”**

It is decades overdue that Justice must prevail for all the Vietnam Veterans and their families. It is not acceptable that the needs of the majority of Vietnam Veterans and their families have not been met by the New Zealand Government.

There is a need for proper compensation for the “Failure of Duty of Care”. I have asked a fellow Vietnam Veteran who is residing in the UK to endeavour to obtain a copy of the trial transcript.

Yours Faithfully Bruce Weir Secretary VVAG