

Celebrating the Life of LCol. Marcus Munroe (Dec 26, 1943 - March 9, 1995)



Marcus Munroe Lt Col.

Marcus was born in Stanleytown, Berbice on Dec 26 (Boxing Day), 1943. He attended Berbice High School before joining the Defense Force.

In 1967 he was appointed the 3rd Commander of the Reconnaissance (Recce) Platoon succeeding Carl Morgan and Joe Singh, respectively.

During his leadership, he transformed the 30 man and highly mobile (7 Land Rovers with trailers, 4 Armored cars and 1 X 3 Ton Bedford Lorry) coastal unit into one of the finest border/bush operational units ever assembled under the Golden Arrowhead.

Marcus led by example and „EARNED“ the RESPECT and ADMIRATION of his unit members.

In addition, his leadership skills inspired others to understand that soldering is a profession and not a job/works program.

Moreover, he demonstrated what Gen. Dwight Eisenhower once said:

“Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.”

Additionally, as leader, Marcus deviated from the daily and established rigorous and monotonous physical training passed down to us by members of Her Majesty Forces, instead, he instituted class room training that included map and compass reading and thorough review of Field Manuals for the Infantryman.

He harbored great concern for non-swimmers in the unit that could subsequently be assigned to border/bush operations. Swimming became an integral part of the unit training and he achieved this goal at Red Water Creek, Atkinson Field.

The labor of his leadership skills bore fruit during „ground“ operations on the early morning of Tuesday, August 19, 1969 (Operation Climax) when the 1st chalk landed and he immediately assumed command (operation commander was injured upon landing and left-out-battle [LOB]) of the operation that re-took our Sovereign territory.

Finally, after reviewing the Orders and Medals of Guyana as amended under Act 2/1976

it behooves me that Marcus was never awarded The Military Service Star (M.S.S.), an award offered to others with no established and/or documented act of gallantry while in defense of the Nation !

Submitted on behalf of the former (1967-1969) Reconnaissance Platoon members

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May he rest in Peace!

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