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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of Australia and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS it is desirable that there be instituted an Australian medal for the purpose of according recognition to members of the Defence Force and certain other persons who render service in certain warlike operations:

KNOW YOU that We do by these Presents institute a medal to be designated and styled the Australian Active Service Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the Australian Active Service Medal shall be governed by the Regulations set out in the Schedule.

IN WITNESS whereof We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patent.

GIVEN under the Great Seal of Australia at Our Court at St James's on 13 *September* 1988.

By Her Majesty's Command,



Bob Hawke

Prime Minister

Australian Active Service Medal

SCHEDULE

ANNEX B

AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

Short title

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Australian Active Service Medal Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations—

- “clasp” means a device to denote a prescribed operation;
- “Defence Force” has the same meaning as in the *Defence Act 1903*;
- “Medal” means the Australian Active Service Medal;
- “Minister” means the Minister of State for Defence;
- “prescribed operation” means an operation in respect of which a declaration has been made under regulation 3.

Declaration of prescribed operations

3. The Governor-General, on the recommendation of the Minister, may declare a warlike operation in which members of the Defence Force are, or have been on or after 14 February 1975, engaged, to be a prescribed operation for the purposes of these Regulations.

Conditions for award of the Medal

4. (1) The Medal may be awarded for service in or in connection with a prescribed operation.

(2) The conditions for the award of the Medal are the conditions determined by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Minister.

(3) Any subsequent award of the Medal to the same person shall be made in the form of a further clasp to the Medal.

→ (4) The persons to whom the Medal may be awarded are—

- (a) persons who served in a prescribed operation as members of the Defence Force; and
- ⊕ (b) persons included in a class of persons determined by the Minister, for the purposes of this regulation.

(5) The Medal may not be awarded except to a person who fulfils the conditions for the award of the Medal.

Making of awards

5. Awards of the Medal shall be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or his delegate.

Design of the Medal

6. The design of the Medal shall be as prescribed.

Wearing of the Medal

7. The manner of wearing the Medal shall be as determined by the Governor-General.

Registrar of Awards

8. (1) There shall be a Registrar of Awards who shall be appointed by the Governor-General and who shall maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded.

(2) The Registrar shall keep such other records relating to the award of the Medal as the Governor-General directs.

Cancellation and reinstatement

9. (1) The Governor-General may cancel an award of the Medal and may reinstate an award so cancelled.

(2) Where an award of the Medal is cancelled, the name of the person to whom the award was made shall be erased from the Register and the person shall return the Medal to the Registrar.

(3) Where an award that has been cancelled pursuant to sub-regulation (1) is reinstated, the Registrar shall restore the entry or entries in the Register that had been erased.

AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL - NOTES ON DESIGN

Concept of Medal

Obverse - a star with seven points, depicting the Federation Star surrounded by a wreath of wattle bloom (National flower of Australia).

Reverse - the wording 'for active service' is surrounded by a stylised laurel wreath.