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It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved the following amendments to Command Paper 6833 of June 1946 for the award of the Pacific Star.

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AMENDMENT OF CONDITIONS FOR AWARD OF

THE PACIFIC STAR

I, WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, in accordance with powers delegated to me by The Queen on 10 February 1995, approve the following amendments to the conditions for award of the Pacific Star which were set out in Command Paper 6833 of June 1946, as entitlements additional to those set out in the Command paper and subject to the general conditions stated in it.

1. The Pacific Star may be awarded to any member of the Australian Defence Force who was on board the Australian Hospital Ship CENTAUR when it was torpedoed and sunk on 14 May 1943.

2. The Pacific Star may be awarded to a person in accordance with paragraph 1 notwithstanding that the person has been granted or is eligible for the 1939-45 Star or any other campaign award.

Dated *3rd September* 1996

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel

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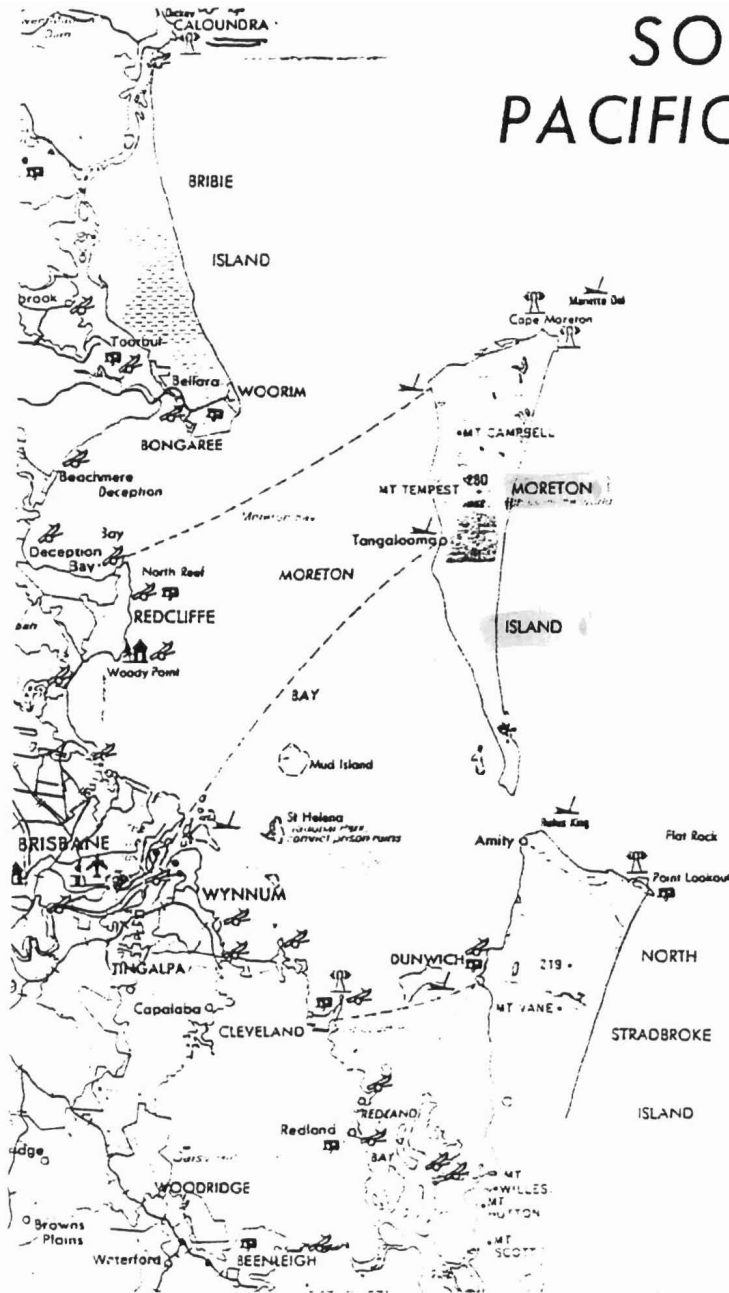
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# SOUTH PACIFIC OCEAN



*Approximate site of Centaur sinking. Lat. 27° 17' S, Lon. 154° 05' E. Roughly 28 miles off southern tip of Moreton Island.*

forgotten — they were all humans trying to survive. LtCol Outridge was the one medical man to survive and he gave whatever medical attention was possible to Isherwood's fractured forearm.

But it was Sister Savage's fortitude and example which in the end inspired the men to hang on until rescue came. A deeply religious woman she had grabbed her rosary beads as she raced from her cabin on to the deck. When morale was low, she led them in prayer. When Pte Walden died from his injuries she conducted a brief burial service before his body was committed to the deep. With the second mate Rippon she supervised the distribution of the small amount of food and water they had. Whenever it was possible she gave medical attention to the men, despite her own injuries, broken ribs, fractured nose and palate,