Defence Personnel Executive

MINUTE

Reference:
A.  CN 1499/98, 77/8/1(1), DDSMWP-N 192/98 of 26 Nov 98

1. Reference A is a request for CDF to approve a number of RAN activities as prescribed operations for the award of the Australian Service Medal (ASM) with Clasp ‘Special Ops’. The request is self-explanatory and meets the requirements of the relevant Instrument of declaration and determination under the ASM regulations.

2. On the basis of the advice from CN, the suggested changes in procedure as described in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Reference A are recommended for your approval, together with the activities listed at Enclosure 1 of the Reference.

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AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL - SPECIAL OPERATIONS CLASP

Reference:
A. NHQ Minute 1735/98 dated 24 Mar 98

1. On 13 Sep 88 the Prime Minister approved, on behalf of Queen Elizabeth II, the Australian Service Medal. 31 Oct 97 the Governor-General, under recommendation by Minister Bishop, approved the awarding of an Australian Service Medal with 'Special Ops' Clasp. Under this determination, the CDF was empowered to declare an operation a special Australian Defence Force activity (being non-war like) for the awarding of the ASM with 'Special Ops' clasp.

2. CDF determines the qualifying period, and can grant an exemption to that period at his discretion. Agreement is sought to the following basic criteria:

   a. \( s7(2C)(b) \)

   b. \( s7(2C)(b) \)

3. Notwithstanding that, at Ref A it was previously agreed that COMAST make recommendations for activities post 31 Jan 97. These operations are dealt with directly by NHQ and therefore the role of recommending such operations to CDF for consideration will remain within NHQ.

4. On this basis, CN will advise CDF of operations which meet the above criteria and seek approval of the medal for the personnel involved.
5. Subject to your agreement on the above criteria and CN recommending operations for consideration, an additional list of eligible submarine operations is at Enclosure 1.

D.B. CHALMERS
ADM RAN
CN
26 Nov 98

Enclosures:
1. Additional Eligible Submarine Operations
2. NHQ Minute 1735/98 dated 24 Mar 98
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Enclosure 1 to
DDSMWP-N 186/98
dated Nov 98
RECOGNITION OF SERVICE - SPECIAL OPERATIONS

Reference:

A. HDPE Minute PPP 499/97 dated 9 Mar 98

1. I agree to the proposal and process outlined at the Ref on behalf of DCN. I believe that you have already been provided with details of operations between 14 Feb 75 - 31 Jan 97 and associated personnel.

2. NHQ POC is DDSMWP-N, CMDR Rick Shalders, Ext 53549.

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24 Mar 98