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Elizabeth II



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 rendered service in non-warlike military operations:

' KNOW YOU that We do by these Presents institute a medal to be called the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 is 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
22 February, 1995.

By Her Majesty's Command,

Prime Minister

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SCHEDULE

REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE AWARD OF THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975

Citation

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Regulations.

Interpretation

2. In these Regulations:

“declared operation” means an operation in respect of which a declaration has been made under regulation 3;

“Defence Force” has the same meaning as in the *Defence Act 1903*;

“Medal” means the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975;

“Minister” means a Minister administering the Department of Defence;

“Registrar” means the Registrar of Awards appointed under subregulation 8(1);

“Register” means the Register maintained under subregulation 8(2).

Declared operations

3. The Governor-General, on the recommendation of a Minister, may declare a non-warlike operation in which members of the Defence Force were engaged at any time during the period that commenced on 3 September 1945 and ended on 16 September 1975, to be a declared operation for the purposes of these Regulations.

Conditions for award of the Medal

4. (1) The Medal may be awarded to:

(a) a member, or a former member, of the Defence Force; or

(b) a person in a class of persons determined by a Minister for the purposes of these Regulations;

who served in connection with a declared operation.

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

(3) The Medal may only be awarded to a person who fulfils the conditions for the award of the Medal.

(4) An initial award of the Medal to a person is made in the form of the Medal with a clasp denoting the declared operation for which the Medal is being awarded.

(5) A subsequent award of the Medal to the person may only be made in the form of an additional clasp to the Medal.

Making of awards

5. An award of the Medal is to be made by the Governor-General on the recommendation of the Chief of the Defence Force or his or her delegate.

Design of the Medal

6. The design of the Medal is as determined by the Governor-General.

Wearing of the Medal

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

Registrar of Awards

8. (1) The Governor-General must appoint a Registrar of Awards.
- (2) The Registrar must:
 - (a) maintain a Register of the names of persons to whom the Medal has been awarded; and
 - (b) 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 a cancelled award.
- (2) If an award of the Medal is cancelled:
 - (a) the name of the person to whom the award was made must be erased from the Register; and
 - (b) the person must return the insignia of the award to the Register.
- (3) If a cancelled award is reinstated, the Registrar must:
 - (a) restore in the Register the entry that was erased; and
 - (b) return the insignia of the award to the person to whom the award was made.



Government House
Canberra ACT 2600

7 June 1995

It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has made the following Determination regarding the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975.

AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975

DETERMINATION

I, WILLIAM GEORGE HAYDEN, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under the provisions of regulations 6 and 7 of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Regulations, determine as follows:

Medal design

1. The Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 is a nickel-silver medal 38 millimetres in diameter ensigned with a Crown of Saint Edward in nickel-silver. The obverse bears a central device of the Australian Coat of Arms above a spray of wattle leaves and blossom, surrounded by the inscription "THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975". The reverse bears a central horizontal panel 25 millimetres across and 8 millimetres high superimposed on a Federation Star with the same spray of wattle leaves and blossom used on the obverse between each of the seven points of the Star.

Medal ribbon

2. The Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 is suspended from a ribbon, 32 millimetres wide, having a central gold stripe 2 millimetres wide flanked by two green stripes 3 millimetres wide, which are in turn flanked by two silver-grey stripes 4 millimetres wide, then on the extreme left as seen by an observer there is a dark blue stripe 8 millimetres wide while on the extreme right there is a light blue stripe 8 millimetres wide.

Medal dress

3. The Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 is worn on the left breast whenever full size orders, decorations and medals are worn.

Medal Miniature

4. The miniature of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 is a half-size replica of the Medal suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The miniature Medal is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn.

Clasp

5. Each Medal presented has a nickel-silver clasp 37 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high attached to the ribbon bearing the name of the theatre where the recipient served.

Further awards

6. A further award or awards for subsequent service in another area or areas is recognised by the presentation of an additional clasp or clasps. The clasp or clasps are attached to the ribbon of the Medal above the original clasp. Clasp sets consist of an attachment for both the full-size and miniature medals.

Order of Precedence

7. The Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 is worn in accordance with the Australian Order of Precedence of Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Dated 7-6-1995.

Governor-General.



**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA****DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE
AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-75 REGULATIONS**

I, **WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Regulations contained in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 22 February 1995, ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence hereby:

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 26 June 1996 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare** under regulation 3 of the Regulations that non-warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force were engaged in, namely participation by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Far East Strategic Reserve that commenced on 2 July 1955 and ended on 31 October 1971, and during such periods as those ships were formally allocated or assigned to the Far East Strategic Reserve, to be a *declared operation* for the purpose of the Regulations; and
- (c) **determine** under subregulation 4(2) of those Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Clasp 'FESR' ("the Medal") for the *declared operation* are:
 - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while posted to or serving as a member of the Australian element of the *declared operation* for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force to the *declared operation* while on secondment or exchange with the foreign Defence Force;

- (iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature while assigned for duty with the military contribution in the *declared operation*;
 - (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *declared operation* for a period of 30 days or more, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or more, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(1)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal; or
 - (v) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iii) or (c)(iv) of this Instrument may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying periods described if service in relation to the *declared operation* was terminated due to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service.
- (d) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that a member of the Australian Defence Force is not eligible for an award of the Medal where:
- (i) a separate award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'SE ASIA' has been awarded; or
 - (ii) a separate award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'SE ASIA' has been awarded.

Dated 23rd March 2001



Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



PETER REITH
Minister for Defence