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**OF THE**

**CAMPAIGN STARS, THE DEFENCE MEDAL**

**AND THE WAR MEDAL**

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This paper contains a summary of the conditions of award of:-

The 1939-45 Star  
The Atlantic Star  
The Aircrew Europe Star  
The Africa Star  
The Pacific Star  
The Burma Star  
The Italy Star  
The France and Germany Star  
The Defence Medal  
The War Medal 1939-45.

2. As it is probable that in recent years there have been numerous changes in the addresses of those eligible for the award of Campaign Stars and Medals, it is desired that any person so eligible, other than a member of the mercantile marine, who has so changed his or her address, should make written notification thereof at the earliest possible date to one of the undermentioned issuing authorities (as appropriate) setting out his or her full name (in block letters), rank and official number (or details of service on Commonwealth charter flights in the operational areas for civil aviation personnel), and the address to which it is desired that the Stars and/or Medals should be sent:-

Royal Australian Navy - Navy Medal Section,  
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, S.C.1.

Australian Military Forces - Army Medal Section,  
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, S.C.1.

Royal Australian Air Force - Air Force Medal Section,  
Victoria Barracks, Melbourne, S.C.1.

Civil Aviation Personnel - Director-General,  
Department of Civil Aviation,  
522 Little Collins Street,  
Melbourne, C.1.

3. Campaign Stars and/or Medals for persons who served in the Australian Defence Forces or as Civil Aviation personnel will be sent out by registered post to the last recorded address, except where a change of address has been notified. Any further change of address before the Stars and/or Medals are actually received should also be notified to the appropriate issuing authority.

### **Mercantile Marine Personnel.**

4. Members of the Mercantile Marine should make personal application for Campaign Stars and/or Medals (when available) to the Superintendent of the appropriate Mercantile Marine Office who will be the issuing authority. Ex-members of the Mercantile Marine may make written or personal application to the same issuing authority.
5. Campaign Stars to which a member of the Forces dying on war service or within three months of his ceasing to be on war service, is entitled, will be distributed in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 of the War Service Estates Act. This Section provides that the medals of a deceased member which are not bequeathed to some specified person by will, shall be delivered to such person or institution as the Minister or an authorised person, approves.
6. Campaign Stars to which a member of the Forces, who has died three months or more after ceasing to be on war service, is entitled do not form part of his war service estate within the meaning of the above Act and the legal representative or the next-of-kin, as the case may be, should advise the appropriate issuing authority accordingly in order to establish his entitlement to such Stars.
7. Where a person who served as a member of the Mercantile Marine or was employed in connection with civil aviation, is now deceased, the next-of-kin, or the person entitled to the estate, is requested to advise the appropriate issuing authority accordingly in order that the Campaign Stars may be obtained by or sent to the person entitled to receive them.
8. Persons now resident in Australia who served in the Defence Forces of other parts of the British Commonwealth and who are eligible for the award of Campaign Stars or Medals should apply direct to the authorities at the place of enlistment or they may direct their application to those authorities through the Australian issuing authorities set out above.

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## PART I - CAMPAIGN STARS

### THE 1939-45 STAR

1. The 1939-45 Star is granted for service in operations during the period from the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945.
2. The ribbon is dark blue, red and light blue in three equal vertical stripes. The dark blue stripe is intended to mark the service of the Naval Forces and the Merchant Navy, the red stripe that of the Armies, and the light blue stripe that of the Air Forces. The ribbon is to be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.
3. **Navy.**
  - (a) The qualification is six months service afloat in areas of active operations during the period from the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, inclusive. These areas are -
    - (i) From the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 to the 31<sup>st</sup> May 1940, the Atlantic Ocean, including Home Waters, and the North Sea; the Baltic; the Arctic Ocean between Greenland and longitude 70° E. and that part of the Indian Ocean lying South of 15° S., and West of 55° E.
    - (ii) From the 1<sup>st</sup> June 1940 to the 9<sup>th</sup> June 1940, as (i) with the addition of the Pacific Ocean and the rest of the Indian Ocean.
    - (iii) From the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940 to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, anywhere at sea.
    - (iv) From the 9<sup>th</sup> May 1945 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, the areas are the Pacific Ocean, including the South China Sea, and the Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal, east of a line running from the southernmost point of Ceylon for a distance of 300 miles south, thence to a point 300 miles west of the southernmost point of Sumatra, and continuing east to the western side of Sunda Strait, thence through Christmas Island, and southwards along the Meridian of 110° E. (Most of the Indian Ocean is excluded. )
  - (b) Naval personnel, not eligible by length of service afloat, who served in operations and Commando Raids accepted as qualifying Army personnel for the 1939-45 Star, are held to qualify.
  - (c) Naval Air Crews, who are not qualified by sea service, may be considered for qualification under similar rules to the Air Force.
4. **Army.**
  - (a) The Army qualification is six months in an operational command during the period the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945. As, however, there have been campaigns that have not covered six months, certain exceptions will be made. Where troops have been evacuated, e.g., from Dunkirk, Norway, etc., they will be eligible for the 1939-45 Star although their service in operations may have been less than six months, and specified Commando Raids will be similarly treated. Lists of these exceptions are to be found in paragraphs 125, 128, 130 and 132 below. Service on passage to an operational command through dangerous waters

will count towards the six months qualifying period. Airborne troops of the Army who have taken part in airborne operations will qualify subject to the completion of two months in a fully operational unit.

- (b) Qualifying service between the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, must have been rendered in operations in specified zones in the area bounded on the east by the west coast of the American Continent and on the west by a line running along the western and then the southern frontier of the Chinese Republic to the point where the Dihang River crosses the latter into Assam, along the left bank of this river and the Brahmaputra and Meghna Rivers, down the east coast of India to Point Calimere, to the northernmost point of Ceylon and down the east coast of Ceylon to the southernmost point of the Island, then along a line 300 miles south, thence to a point 300 miles west of the southernmost point of Sumatra, and continuing east to the western side of Sunda Strait, thence through Christmas Island, and southward along the Meridian of 110° E.
- (c) The Commonwealth of Australia (except Papua and the Mandated Territories), the Dominion of New Zealand and India (except parts of Assam and Bengal, for the purpose of the Burma operations) are not regarded as having been in the area of operational commands, and among the other territories in which service was not a qualification there may be mentioned Ceylon, Norfolk Island, New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Fiji Islands, Tonga Island, Phoenix Island and Fanning Island.

5. **Air Force.**

- (a) The 1939-45 Star is awarded to all air crew who have taken part in operations against the enemy, subject to the completion of two months in an operational unit.
- (b) Air crew service in operations against the enemy between the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, in the area described in paragraph 4(b) above will qualify, subject to completion of two months in an operational unit.
- (c) In addition, non-air crew personnel serving in the area of an Army operational command will qualify, six months service in the area of the operational command being the qualification, and special exception being made for those evacuated, e.g., from Dunkirk, Norway, etc., as for the Army above.
- (d) Non-air crew personnel serving afloat qualify under the same conditions as members of the Navy and Merchant Navy.

6. **Merchant Navy.** The Merchant Navy receive the 1939-45 Star under the same conditions as the Royal Navy, except that six months service at sea will qualify, provided that at least one voyage was made through one of the specified areas of active operations. Service as Master or member of the crew of a vessel which took part in the evacuation at Dunkirk will be a qualification.

7. **General.**

- (a) Operational service for a lesser period than six months, and in the case of air crew personnel, two months respectively, but brought to an end by death, wounds or other disability due to service qualifies. The grant for

service in operations, of an Honour, Decoration or Mention in Despatches or King's Commendation is, in the armed Forces or the Merchant Navy, a qualification for the award of the Star.

- (b) Those who receive the 1939-45 Star for service of less than six or two months in operations will be required to complete an aggregate of six or two months operational service in any theatre or theatres before beginning to count service for the Atlantic Star or the Air Crew Europe Star. In the Navy and Merchant Navy for the Pacific, Burma, or Italy Stars, a prior six months operational service qualification is required. (See also certain modifications of these conditions described in the text below relating to particular Stars.)

### **CLASP TO THE 1939-45 STAR**

8. The Clasp to the 1939-45 Star is granted to air crew of fighter aircraft engaged in the Battle of Britain between the 10<sup>th</sup> July and the 31<sup>st</sup> October 1940, and the award of this is to be denoted by a gilt rose Emblem when the ribbon alone is worn.

### **THE ATLANTIC STAR**

9. The Atlantic Star is intended to commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic and is designed primarily for Convoys and their Escorts and anti-submarine forces, as well as for fast merchant ships that sailed alone. The Atlantic Star will be granted for six months service afloat, in the Navy, in the Atlantic and Home waters, since the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939, and until the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, the date of the end of active hostilities in Europe and the Atlantic.

10. The ribbon is blue, white end sea green, shaded and watered, the design being intended as a symbol of service in the Atlantic. The ribbon is to be worn with the blue edge furthest from the left shoulder.

11. The 1939-45 Star must be earned by six, or for air crew, two months service in operations before a person can begin to qualify for the Atlantic Star. (See also certain modifications of this rule in the paragraphs below.)

12. **Navy.**

- (a) Service with Convoys to North Russia and service in the South Atlantic west of longitude 20° E. will be included. Naval service from the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 to 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, within the defined qualifying sea area for the France and Germany Star will not be counted towards the qualifying period for the Atlantic Star.
- (b) A Naval officer or rating who has served twelve months afloat or ashore in operational areas, any six months of which have been in the area qualifying for the Atlantic Star, will be regarded as having qualified for the Atlantic Star. This rule will apply also to Army and Air Force personnel serving at sea (otherwise than as air crew).
- (c) Naval air crews who have not qualified by sea service may be considered under similar rules to the Air Force.

- (d) Time spent as prisoner-of-war, however, by a Naval officer or rating, will not be counted towards the total qualifying period of twelve months, unless the individual had completed his six months service for the 1939-45 Star and had begun to earn the Atlantic Star before being made prisoner.

**13. Merchant Navy.**

- (a) The Merchant Navy will be awarded the Atlantic Star under the same conditions as the Navy except that six months service anywhere at sea all qualify, provided that one or more voyages have been made in the defined area. Service in fishing vessels working on or near the coast and in certain coastal craft is excluded. This will be recognised by the award of the 1939-45 Star.
- (b) In the Merchant Navy, in calculating the second six months service at sea, no deduction will be made of time spent in operational areas entitling the candidate to another Campaign Star.
- (c) Time spent as prisoner-of-war, however; by an officer or rating of the Merchant Navy will not be counted towards the total qualifying period of twelve months, unless the individual had completed his six months service for the 1939-45 Star, including at least one voyage through one of the specified areas of active operations, and had begun to earn the Atlantic Star before being made prisoner.

**14. Air Force.**

- (a) Air crew of the Royal Air Force will be eligible if they have taken part in operations against the enemy at sea within the areas and between the dates qualifying Naval personnel for the Atlantic Star, subject to the completion of two months service in an operational unit after earning the 1939-45 Star by six or two months operational service as the case may be.
- (b) Four months service as air crew in an operational unit, any two months of which qualify for the Atlantic Star, will be regarded as a qualification for this Star.
- (c) Time spent as prisoner-of-war, however, by air crew, will not be counted towards the total qualifying period of four months, unless the individual had completed his two months service for the 1939-45 Star and had begun to earn the Atlantic Star before being made prisoner.

**15. Army and Air Force.** Army and Air Force personnel serving in His Majesty's ships or in defensively equipped Merchant Ships will qualify under rules similar to those for the Navy or Merchant Navy.

**16. General.**

- (a) Service for the Atlantic Star brought to an end by death, wounds or other disability due to service, or marked by an award or mention in despatches, will qualify although it may not have amounted to six or two months as the case may be.
- (b) There is a special rule in relation to the last six months of operational service up to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945. Persons who entered operational service during the last six or two months, as the case may be, will, if they did not

serve subsequently in another operational area, qualify for the Atlantic Star and the prior time qualification of six or two months respectively will not apply. The 1939-45 Star, however, will not be awarded in such cases in which total operational service amounted to less than six or two months. Personnel serving in seagoing vessels operated by the Army and Air Force will qualify under similar rules.

### **CLASP TO THE ATLANTIC STAR**

17. A person who qualifies for the Atlantic Star, the France and Germany Star and the Air Crew Europe Star mentioned below, or two of these, is awarded only the Star first earned. A Clasp is awarded with it denoting that the service which would have qualified for the second Star earned has been rendered. When the Atlantic Star is awarded under this provision and the ribbon alone is worn, a silver rose Emblem will denote the award of the France and Germany or Air Crew Europe Clasp as the case may be. No individual will be awarded more than one Clasp to the Atlantic Star.

### **THE AIR CREW EUROPE STAR**

18. The Air Crew Europe Star is intended as an award for operational flying from United Kingdom bases over Europe (including the United Kingdom) since the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 and up to the 5<sup>th</sup> June 1944. The time qualification is two months service in air crew so employed. Air crew service in operations at sea will not be a qualification for the Air Crew Europe Star.

19. The ribbon is light blue with black edges, and there is in addition a narrow yellow stripe on either side. The design is symbolic of the continuous service of the Air Forces by night and day.

20. The 1939-45 Star must be earned by six, or for air crew, two months service in operations before a person can begin to qualify for the Air Crew Europe Star.

21. Four months service as air crew in an operational unit, any two months of which qualify for the Air Crew Europe Star, is regarded, however, as a qualification for that Star.

22. Time as prisoner-of-war, however, is not counted towards the total qualifying period of four months, unless the individual had completed his two months service for the 1939-45 Star and had begun to earn the Air Crew Europe Star before being made prisoner.

23. Service for the Air Crew Europe Star brought to an end by death, wounds or other disability due to service, or marked by an award or mention in despatches, qualifies although it may not have amounted to two months.

### **CLASP TO THE AIR CREW EUROPE STAR**

24. A person who qualifies for the Air Crew Europe Star, the Atlantic Star and the France and Germany Star, or two of these, is awarded only the Star first earned. A Clasp is awarded with it denoting that the service which would have qualified for the Second Star named has been rendered. When the Air Crew Europe Star is awarded under this provision and the ribbon alone is worn a silver rose Emblem will denote the

award of the Atlantic, or France and Germany Clasp as the case may be. No individual may be awarded more than one Clasp to the Air Crew Europe Star.

### **THE AFRICA STAR**

25. The Africa Star is granted for operational service of any length in North Africa from the date of the entry of Italy into the war on the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940, up to the date of the cessation of operations against the enemy in North Africa on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943, inclusive.

26. The ribbon is pale buff in colour, with a central vertical red stripe and two other narrower stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The background is intended as a symbol of the desert, the central red stripe stands for the Armies, the dark blue stripe for the Naval Forces and the Merchant Navy, and the light blue stripe for the Air Forces. The ribbon is to be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

27. **Army.** The qualification is entry, as part of the establishment, into an operational command in North Africa. The individual should have been taken on the strength of a unit or formation. The whole of the area between the Canal and the Straits of Gibraltar is included. Service in operations in Abyssinia, Somaliland and Eritrea, and also in Malta, is a qualification. Service in West Africa is excluded. Airborne troops of the Army who have taken part in airborne operations, in a qualifying Army area for land operations, will qualify.

28. **Air Force.** The qualification is landing in the area of an Army operational command as defined above, including Malta. Casual journeys and inspections, other than those specially approved, are excluded. In addition, service in the air over any of the Army operational commands in North Africa as defined above, or over enemy-occupied territory in North Africa, is a qualification.

29. **Navy and Merchant Navy.** Naval and Merchant Navy service anywhere at sea in the Mediterranean between the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940 and the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943, or in direct support of the Army in the Abyssinian, Somaliland and Eritrean campaigns between the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940 and the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1941, qualifies for the Africa Star. The Africa Star will also be awarded in the Navy on shore or in harbour in the same areas and between the same dates as the Army. Service in Merchant Navy vessels which took part in the landings on the west of Morocco between the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1942 and the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943, will also be a qualification.

30. **General.**

- (a) There is no condition that the 1939-45 Star should already have been earned.
- (b) Visits, journeys and inspections will not be a qualification unless they amount to thirty days and were specially approved by the Department concerned.
- (c) Members of Australian units who were stationed in Palestine and called forward to Alexandria area in Egypt with a view to embarkation for Greece and spent 30 days or more in the qualifying area for the Africa Star in March and April 1941 are eligible for the Africa Star.

## CLASPS TO THE AFRICA STAR

### 31. **Army.**

- (a) An Emblem in the form of a silver arabic "8" or "1" or a silver rose is worn on the ribbon in service dress denoting the award of one of these Clasps in the Army. The awards are restricted to service in the Eighth and First Armies respectively in the period from the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1942, inclusive, the date of the battle of el Alamein, up to the date of the cessation of operations against the enemy in North Africa on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943. The silver rose Emblem is granted to those of 18<sup>th</sup> Army Group Headquarters who did not qualify either for the "8" or the "1" Emblem. Union Defence Force personnel attached to South African Air Force Squadrons which qualified for the silver rose emblem, qualify for that emblem.
- (b) The rear or eastern boundary of the Eighth Army for this purpose ran approximately as follows :- For the period from the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1942 to the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943, the line started from a point on the coast about 16½ miles south-west of the centre of Alexandria and ran due south for about 6 miles. The line there turned south-south-east for about 36 miles, then due south for 61 miles afterwards south-west for 40 miles. The line then turned westwards and ran more or less parallel with the coast.
- (c) The qualification for the First Army Clasp is
  - (i) service in a unit or formation in Tunisia or Algeria between the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1942, the date of the landings, and the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1942, or
  - (ii) thereafter, between the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1943 and the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943, service in a unit or formation located forward of the First Army rear boundary or in a unit or formation under the command of First Army, including units or formations which were under the command of First Army for local defence and administration, irrespective of whether or not the unit or formation was on the First Army Order of Battle. The First Army rear boundary during the period the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1943 to the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943, started on the coast of Algeria about 30 miles east of Bone and, subject to certain local digressions, ran in a south-south-westerly direction for about 190 miles to Zribet-el-Oued.

32. **Air Force.** A Clasp, denoted by the standard silver rose Emblem on the ribbon, is awarded to air crew and non-air crew personnel of the Royal Air Force who were under the command of the Air Officer Commanding, Western Desert, or the Air Commander, North-West African Forces, and to air crew personnel who were under the command of the Air Officer Commanding, Malta, or of other Air Officers Commanding, who operated in support of the Eighth Army or First Army or in the cutting of Rommel's or Von Arnim's communications, or in the defence of Malta, during the period from the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1942 to the date or the cessation of hostilities in North Africa on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943.

33. **Navy.** Officers and ratings of certain units, for instance inshore squadrons and some of the escorting vessels serving off the coast of North Africa, and of submarines and other craft specifically engaged in cutting Rommel's or Von Arnim's

communications from the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1942 to the cessation of hostilities in North Africa on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943, qualify for a Clasp to the Africa Star. The rose Emblem is of the standard silver pattern. The Clasp to the Africa Star is also granted in the Navy to those who served as part of the Eighth or First Armies. For these the time limits will be as for the Army, and an "8" or a "1" Emblem will be issued.

34. **Merchant Navy.** As in the Royal Navy, the Clasp to the Africa Star is awarded in the Merchant Navy to the personnel of vessels which worked inshore during the North African Campaign between the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1942 and the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943. Service in Merchant Navy vessels which took part in the landings on the coast of Morocco between the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1942 and the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943, will also be a qualification.

35. No individual may be awarded more than one Clasp to the Africa Star.

### **THE PACIFIC STAR**

36. The Pacific Star is awarded for entry into operational service in the Pacific theatre between the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1941 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, inclusive.

37. The ribbon is dark green with red edges and with a central yellow stripe. There are also two other narrow stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The green and the yellow stand for the forests and the beaches of the Pacific, the red edges for the Armies, the dark blue for the Naval Forces and the Merchant Navies, and the light blue for the Air Forces. The ribbon is to be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

38. In the Army and the Air Force there is no prior time qualification. For air crew who have not already qualified by service on land, the qualification is one operational sortie over the appropriate land or sea area. This qualification also applies to Naval air crew.

39. In the Navy and the Merchant Navy, the 1939-45 Star must be earned by six months service in operations before a person can qualify for the Pacific Star.

40. **Navy and Merchant Navy.**

- (a) Naval and Merchant Navy service in the Pacific Ocean, including the South China Sea, and the Indian Ocean east of a line running due south from Singapore round the south-east coast of Sumatra, through Christmas Island, and southwards along the Meridian of 110° E., will be a qualification.
- (b) There is, for service at sea, a special rule in relation to the last six months of operational service up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945. Persons who entered operational service during the last six months will, if they did not serve subsequently in another operational area, qualify for the Pacific Star and the prior time qualification of six months will not apply. The 1939-45 Star, however, will not be awarded in such cases, in which total operational service amounted to less than six months. Personnel serving in seagoing vessels operated by the Army and Air Force will qualify under similar rules.

- (c) For Naval personnel on duty ashore, entry into the prescribed area of land operations will be a qualification, and the awards are made under the same rules as those for the Army.
- (d) Naval and Merchant Navy personnel who served afloat in direct support of land operations prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1945, qualify for the Pacific Star and the prior time qualification of six months will not apply.

41. **Army.**

- (a) Qualifying service on land in the Army is restricted to operational service in territories in which there have been enemy or Allied invasions. The dates vary for each particular territory. Service in Burma is excluded.
- (b) Operational service in China and Malaya from the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1943, up to the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1942, qualifies for the Pacific Star and from the 16<sup>th</sup> February 1942 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, for the Burma Star. Airborne troops of the Army who have taken part in airborne operations, in a qualifying Army area for land operations, will qualify.

42. **Air Force.**

- (a) Air crew service in operations against the enemy will qualify. One operational sortie is the qualification.
- (b) Non-air crew service on land qualifies under the same rule as those for the Army.

43. **General.** Visits, journeys and inspections will not be a qualification unless they amount to thirty days and were specially approved by the Department concerned, or, in a Command comprising both operational and non-operational areas, by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

### **CLASP TO THE PACIFIC STAR**

44. A person who qualifies for both the Pacific Star and the Burma Star mentioned below, is awarded only one of these, the Star first earned. A Clasp is awarded with it denoting that service which would have qualified for the other Star has been rendered. When the Pacific Star is awarded under this provision and the ribbon alone is worn, a silver rose Emblem will denote the award of the Burma Clasp.

### **THE BURMA STAR**

45. The Burma Star is granted for entry into operational service in the Burma Campaign between the 11<sup>th</sup> December 1941 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, inclusive.

46. The ribbon is dark blue with a central red stripe, and in addition two orange stripes. The red stands for the British Commonwealth Forces and the orange for the sun, and these are placed on a contrasting background of dark blue.

47. In the Army and the Air Force there is no prior time qualification. For air crew who have not already qualified by service on land, the qualification is one operational sortie over the appropriate land or sea area. The qualification also applies to Naval air crew.

48. In the Navy and Merchant Navy the 1939-45 Star must be earned by six months service in operations before a candidate can qualify for the Burma Star.

49. **Army.**

- (a) The qualifying area for land operations is service in Burma. In addition service on land from the 1<sup>st</sup> May 1942 to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 1943, in the provinces of Bengal and Assam, and from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 1944 until the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, in those parts of Bengal or Assam east of the Brahmaputra, qualifies.
- (b) Operational service in China and Malaya from the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1941 up to the 15<sup>th</sup> February 1942, qualifies for the Pacific Star; from the 16<sup>th</sup> February 1942 to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, for the Burma Star. Airborne troops of the Army who have taken part in airborne operations in a qualifying Army area for land operations will qualify.

50. **Navy and Merchant Navy.**

- (a) Naval and Merchant Navy service is restricted to service in the Bay of Bengal enclosed by a line running from the southernmost point of Ceylon for a distance of 300 miles south, thence to a point 300 miles west of the southernmost point of Sumatra, and continuing east to the western side of Sunda Strait. The Malacca Strait is included.
- (b) There is, for service at sea, a special rule in relation to the last six months of operational service up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945. Persons who entered operational service during the last six months will, if they did not serve subsequently in another operational area, qualify for the Burma Star and the prior time qualification of six months will not apply. The 1939-45 Star, however, will not be awarded in such cases, in which total operational service amounted to less than six months. Personnel serving in seagoing vessels operated by the Army and Air Force will qualify under similar rules.
- (c) For Naval personnel ashore, entry into the prescribed area of land operations is a qualification and the awards are made under the same rules as those for the Army.
- (d) Naval and Merchant Navy personnel who served afloat in direct support of land operations prior to 2<sup>nd</sup> March 1945, qualify for the Burma Star and the prior time qualification of six months will not apply.

51. **Air Force.**

- (a) Air crew service in operations against the enemy qualifies. One operational sortie is the qualification.
- (b) Non-air crew service is dealt with under the same rules as those for the Army.

52. **General.** Visits, journeys and inspections will not be a qualification unless they amount to thirty days and were specially approved by the Department concerned, or, in a command comprising both operational and non-operational areas, by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief.

## CLASP TO THE BURMA STAR

53. A person who qualifies for both the Burma Star; and the Pacific Star mentioned above is awarded only one of these, the Star first earned. A Clasp is awarded with it; denoting that service which would have qualified for the other Star has been rendered. When the Burma Star is awarded under this provision and the ribbon alone is worn, a silver rose Emblem will denote the award of the Pacific Clasp.

## THE ITALY STAR

54. The Italy Star is granted for entry into operational service on land in Sicily or in Italy at any time during the campaign there from the capture of Pantellaria on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1943 and until the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, the date of the end of active hostilities in Europe.

55. The ribbon is in the Italian colours, green, white and red. There are five vertical stripes of equal width, one in red at either edge and one in green at the centre, the two intervening stripes being in white.

56. In the Army and the Air Force there is no prior time qualification. For air crew who have not already qualified by service on land the qualification is one operational sortie over the appropriate land or sea area. This qualification also applies to Naval air crew. Airborne troops of the Army who have taken part in airborne operations, in a qualifying Army area for land operations, will qualify.

57. In the Navy and Merchant Navy the 1939-45 Star must be earned by six months service in operations before a person can qualify for the Italy Star.

58. Operational service in the Mediterranean theatre, for instance in the Aegean and Dodecanese, Corsica, Greece, Sardinia and Yugoslavia after the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1943, is a qualification. Operational service in Elba is a qualification. Service in Sicily after the 17<sup>th</sup> August 1943, in Sardinia after the 19<sup>th</sup> September 1943, and Corsica after the 4<sup>th</sup> October 1943, is not a qualification.

### 59. **Navy and Merchant Navy.**

- (a) Naval or Merchant Navy service at sea in the Mediterranean during this period is a qualification provided it was directly connected with active operations in the Mediterranean theatre, including those in the Aegean and the South of France.
- (b) There is, for service at sea, a special rule in relation to the last six months of operational service up to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945. Persons who entered operational service during the last six months will, if they did not serve subsequently in another operational area, qualify for the Italy Star and the prior time qualification of six months will not apply. The 1939-45 Star, however, will not be awarded in such cases, in which total operational service amounted, to less than six months. Personnel serving in seagoing vessels operated by the Army and Air Force will qualify under similar rules.
- (c) For Naval personnel on duty ashore, entry into the prescribed areas of land operations will be a qualification and the awards are made under the same rules as those for the Army.

- (d) Naval and Merchant Navy personnel who served afloat in direct support of land operations prior to 8<sup>th</sup> November 1944, qualify for the Italy Star and the prior time qualification of six months will not apply.

60. **Air Force.** Air crew service in operations against the enemy, within the Mediterranean theatre, is a qualification, including sorties from the Mediterranean area over Europe.

61. **General.**

- (a) Visits, journeys and inspections will not be a qualification unless they amount to thirty days and were specially approved by the Department concerned, or, in a Command comprising both operational and non-operational areas, by the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief or Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief.
- (b) The Star will be awarded to those who have earned it whatever other Campaign Stars may be granted in addition for services in the war.

### **THE FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR**

62. This Star is granted for entry into operational service on land from the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, in France, Belgium, Holland or Germany, until the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, the date of the end of active hostilities in Europe.

63. The ribbon is in the red, white and blue of the Union Flag and these colours are also used as a symbol of France and the Netherlands. There are five vertical stripes of equal width, one in blue at either edge and one in red at the centre, the two intervening stripes being in white

64. There is no prior time qualification. For air crew who have not already qualified by service on land, the qualification is one operational sortie over the appropriate land or sea area. This qualification also applies to Naval air crew. Airborne troops of the Army who have taken part in airborne operations, in a qualifying Army area for land operations, will qualify.

65. **Navy and Merchant Navy.**

- (a) Naval and Merchant Navy service afloat in the North Sea south of a line from the Firth of Forth to Kristiansand (South), in the English Channel or the Bay of Biscay east of longitude 6<sup>o</sup> W. is a qualification, provided such service was directly in support of land operations in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, etc.
- (b) Naval and Merchant Navy service afloat in the Mediterranean in support of operations in the south of France is not a qualification. Such service will qualify for the Italy Star.
- (c) For Naval personnel on duty ashore, entry into the prescribed areas of land operations is a qualification.
- (d) As stated in paragraph 62 above, the time qualification for the France and Germany Star is reduced to one day. For the Pacific, Burma and Italy Stars the time qualification for Navy and Merchant Navy personnel remains at six months and one day (that is to say the 1939-45 Star must be earned by six months' service before any of these Stars may be awarded

and they are then earned by entry into the theatre of operations), because of the difference in the conditions of operational service at sea and ashore. Whereas for an individual landed in an operational area, one day's service must nearly always be part of a substantial period in that area, one day's service at sea in an operational area may not necessarily involve the ship concerned in active operations. The six months qualification is also required to obviate the grant of Stars for service in many river and estuarial craft, as the crews of these could claim to have been at sea on one occasion or another during the war and it would not be possible to exercise any check on such claims. The divergence in respect of the France and Germany Star has been approved because many crews of landing craft would be unable to fulfil a time qualification of six months.

**66. Air Force.**

- (a) Air crew service in operations against the enemy over Europe from the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, qualifies. Air crew service qualifying for the Atlantic Star will not qualify for this Star. Sorties from the Mediterranean area over Europe will not be a qualification as such service will be a qualification for the Italy Star.
- (b) Non-air crew personnel of the Air Force are awarded the Star under the same rules as prescribed in paragraphs 62 and 64 above.

**67. General.** Visits, journeys and inspections will not be a qualification unless they amount to thirty days and were specially approved by the Department concerned.

### **CLASP TO THE FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR**

69. The Star is not awarded in addition to the Atlantic Star or the Air Crew Europe Star. If a person should qualify for these three Stars or two of them, the Star first earned will be awarded. If the France and Germany Star is awarded under these conditions a Clasp will be awarded for service which would qualify for the Atlantic Star. When the ribbon alone is worn, a silver rose Emblem is attached to it to denote the award of this Clasp.

### **CAMPAIGN STARS AND CLASPS - GENERAL**

**69. Entry into operational service.**

- (a) Service in ships making occasional visits to the defined areas for fuelling and so forth will not necessarily be a qualification.
- (b) The expression "entry into operational service" in the case of the Atlantic and Air Crew Europe Stars is subject to the qualification that six or two months operational service must already have been rendered. For awards in the Navy and Merchant Navy of the Pacific, Burma and Italy Stars a similar prior time qualification of six months also applies. Certain modifications of these rules are mentioned in the text relating to particular Stars.

**70. Previous operational service of less than six or two months.**

- (a) A recipient of the 1939-45 Star who has qualified for it by less than six or two months service respectively must complete the period of six or two months, as the case may be, before he can begin to qualify for the Atlantic or Air Crew Europe Stars respectively, or before he can earn the Pacific, Burma or Italy Stars by service in the Navy or Merchant Navy. For exceptions to this rule see (c) below.
- (b) Those to whom grants of the 1939-45 Star have been, or will be made, as a result of the participation in a campaign on the special lists, in paragraphs 125, 128, 130 and 132 below, service in which qualifies in itself for the award, will not begin to qualify for the Atlantic or Air Crew Europe Stars until the completion of six or two months operational service, as the case may be. A similar condition applies to Navy and Merchant Navy personnel for the Pacific, Burma or Italy Stars.
- (c) For the Atlantic or Air Crew Europe Stars in the Armed Forces or Merchant Navy, or for the Pacific, Burma or Italy Stars in the Navy or Merchant Navy, operational service for a lesser period than six or two months as the case may be, but brought to an end by death, wounds or other disability due to service, or alternatively the grant for service in operations of an Honour, Decoration, Mention in Despatches, King's Commendation for brave conduct or King's Commendation for valuable service in the air, is a qualification for award, without regard to any six or two months qualifying service requirements, but subject to the general restrictions relating to alternative awards of Stars.
- (d) Awards made under the conditions described in sub-paragraph (c) above will be additional to any award of the 1939-45 Star.

**71. Reckoning of Qualifying Service in respect of time spent when escaping or evading captivity by the enemy or as liberated ex-prisoners-of-war in operational areas.** The reckoning as qualifying Service for Campaign Stars of the time spent by officers and men of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Navy when escaping from or evading captivity by the enemy or as liberated ex-prisoners-of-war in operational areas, will be effected according to the following rules:-

- (a) Escapers or evaders will count their time as such in the same way as prisoners-of-war. (see paragraph 72 below.)
- (b) They will not, otherwise, be eligible for Campaign Stars in respect of such time unless it is shown that during the period they took an active part in operations against the enemy.
- (c) Special awards may then be made by the authorities concerned. No case for consideration under rule (b) above will be admitted unless examination of the detailed report by the Senior British Officer who was actually in charge of, and present with, the party when the operational service was performed shows that the individual took an active part in operations against the enemy. It will be necessary that there should be similarity of practice in treatment of these cases by the different Departments interested.

- (d) The Dominion and Indian Governments will be entirely responsible for their own awards. The reports referred to in (c) above, if not already in their possession, will be made available to them.
- (e) Time spent interned in neutral territory is not reckoned as time spent as a prisoner-of-war. Time spent escaping or evading in neutral territory will not be so reckoned, except after escape from enemy territory.
- (f) In no circumstances will the France and Germany Star be granted for service prior to 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944.
- (g) Operational service by liberated ex-prisoners-of-war will be treated in the same way as service rendered by escapers and evaders. Every case for consideration will be the subject of examination as provided in rules (c) and (d) above. No award will be made unless it is shown that there was operational service subsequent to release.
- (h) The grant of an Honour, Decoration, Mention in Despatches or King's Commendation for brave conduct awarded for escaping and subsequent operational service, but not for escaping only, will qualify the recipient for the 1939-45 Star, and subject to the authorised conditions for the appropriate theatre Star.
- (i) No Campaign Stars will be awarded under the above rules to persons who were not in a category eligible for Campaign Stars prior to imprisonment or entry into enemy occupied territory.
- (j) The grant of an Honour, Decoration, Mention in Despatches or King's Commendation for brave conduct for services while a prisoner-of-war, and not for escaping, will not qualify the recipient for any Campaign Star.

**72. Time spent as a prisoner-of-war.**

- (a) If time spent as a prisoner-of-war is regarded by the Department concerned as suitable under rule (c) of paragraph 71 above, for classification as similar to operational service against the enemy, then subject to the authorised conditions, the appropriate theatre Star may be awarded. The grant of an Honour, Decoration, Mention in Despatches or King's Commendation for brave conduct for such service will qualify the recipient for the 1939-45 Star in addition.
- (b) Although time spent as a prisoner-of-war in consequence of capture in operations may be counted towards the qualifying period for the 1939-45 Star, such time will not be counted towards the period of six or two months operational service which must, in circumstances described in paragraph 70 above, be completed before the grants of certain Stars may be authorised.
- (c) An individual who, at the time of his capture, has completed the six or two months operational service required for the award of the 1939-45 Star may, however, count time spent as a prisoner-of-war towards the period of six or two months service required for the award of the Atlantic Star or the Air Crew Europe Star. The person must have begun to earn one of these Stars and, in the case of the Merchant Navy, one or more voyages must have been made in the "defined area" after completion of service required for the award of the 1939-45 Star.

73. **Award of a second or further Star.**
- (a) Service qualifying for one of the Stars cannot run concurrently with service qualifying for another of the Stars.
  - (b) An individual, however, who has once completed the six or two months operational service required for the award of the 1939-45 Star and has been awarded either the Atlantic Star or Air Crew Europe Star will not be required to complete this period of qualifying service a second time in order to begin to qualify for the other. A similar arrangement applies to the prior service qualification for awards in the Navy or Merchant Navy of the Pacific, Burma and Italy Stars.
  - (c) An exception to the rule in (a) is made in the Merchant Navy in relation to the Atlantic Star and is set out in the text referring to that Star. (See paragraph 13 above.)
74. **Award of Clasps.** No individual will be awarded more than one Clasp to any one of the Stars.
75. **The last six months.**
- (a) In the case of persons in operational service in the Navy or Merchant Navy on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, that is to say, at the end of active hostilities in Europe, or during the six months immediately preceding the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, the Italy Star will be granted by virtue of entry into a theatre of operations, and the prior six months service requirement will not apply. A similar waiving of the prior service requirement will extend to the Atlantic Star. The actual service requirement for the Atlantic Star will thus be reduced in this period to entry into operational service.
  - (b) Similarly, persons in operational service in the Navy or Merchant Navy on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, that is to say, at the end of active hostilities in the Pacific and Burma, or during the six months immediately preceding the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, will receive the Pacific or Burma Star as the case may be, by virtue of entry into a theatre of operations and the prior six months service requirement will not apply. In such cases only one Star will be granted for service at sea during the last six months in the Atlantic, Italy, Pacific and Burma areas, i.e., the Star appropriate to the last operational area in which service was rendered.
  - (c) The 1939-45 Star will not be awarded in any of these cases in which operational service amounts to less than six or two months respectively.
76. **Civilians.** As stated in paragraph 116 below, a few approved categories are eligible.

**PART II - AWARD OF CAMPAIGN STARS TO AIRCREW PERSONNEL  
ENGAGED IN TRANSPORT AND FERRYING DUTIES**

77. The following rules apply to the award of Campaign Stars to:
- (a) Air Force flying personnel posted for Transport and Ferrying duties and Naval Aircrews appointed for Transport and Ferrying duties, or loaned to Air Force for such duties.
  - (b) Civilian aircrews employed in Transport and Ferrying duties.
- (Note - Flights made by passengers and observers will not qualify.)

**1939-45 STAR**

78. This Star will be awarded to aircrew posted or employed for six months flying on approved overseas transport or approved ferrying routes (including at least three such overseas flights) during the period from 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, or a shorter period if service was terminated by death, wounds or other disability due to service, or if an Honour, Decoration, Mention in Despatches, or King's Commendation for valuable service in the air, has been awarded for that service.

79. For this purpose Trans-Atlantic flights, flights of a nature which would qualify for the Africa, Pacific, Burma, Italy or France and Germany Stars, flights during the period from 8<sup>th</sup> December 1941 to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945 along the Darwin-Calcutta section of Empire Air Service, flights to Norway, Sweden or Russia, or across the Bay of Biscay to Spain, Portugal and beyond, and including flights on the Foynes-Bathurst route, will be deemed to have been flights on approved routes.

80. Flights from the United Kingdom to Eire will not be regarded as overseas flights for this purpose. For the period from 9<sup>th</sup> May 1945 to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945 (both days included), qualifying service will be confined to flights involving landings in the prescribed operational land areas for the Pacific and Burma Stars. (see paragraphs 91 and 93 below.)

81. The Star may also be awarded to those who took part in the undermentioned special operations and made three or more landings in any prescribed area within the dates indicated. Participation in the evacuation of the Channel Islands between 19<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June 1940 will qualify, subject to the completion of three landings on the islands during this period. Aggregation of landings in various operations is not permissible.

		From	To
(i)	Belgium	10.5.40	19. 6.40
(ii)	Boulogne-Le Touquet	3. 6.42	
(iii)	Bruneval	27. 2.42	28. 2.42
(iv)	Dieppe	19. 8.42	
(v)	France	10. 5.40	19. 6.40

(vi)	Greece and Crete	7.11.40	31. 5.41
(vii)	Hardelot	21. 4.42	22. 4.42
(viii)	Holland	12. 5.40	13. 5.40
(ix)	India North-West Frontier	3. 2.40 18. 6.41 28. 7.42	24. 5.40 26. 8.41 18. 8.42
(x)	Iraq	10. 4.41	31. 5.41
(xi)	Lofoten Islands	4. 3.41 26.12.41	
(xii)	Lucania (Italy)	10. 2.41	
(xiii)	Madagascar	5. 5.42	5.11 42
(xiv)	Norway	14. 4.40	8. 6.40
(xv)	Persia	25. 8.41	28. 8.41
(xvi)	St. Nazaire	27. 3.42	28. 3.42
(xvii)	Sark	3.10.42	4.10.42
(xviii)	Spitzbergen	25. 8.41 16. 5.42	3. 9.41 8. 9.43
(xix)	Syria	8. 6.41	11. 7.41
(xx)	Vaagso	27.12.41	-
(xxi)	Aleutian Islands (air crew service only)	3. 6.42	16. 8.43
(xxii)	Bismarck Archipelago (Enemy Invasion)	22. 1.42	24. 1.42
(xxiii)	Bismark Archipelago (Allied Invasions)- Admiralty Islands Emirau Island Mussau Island	29. 2.44 20. 3.44 30. 3.44	18. 5.44 - 8. 4.44
(xxiv)	Caroline Islands (Allied Invasions)- Angaur Ngulu Palau Peleliu Ulithi	17. 9.44 16.10.44 6. 9.44 15. 9.44 21. 9.44	20.9.44 - 14.10.44 30. 9.44 21. 9.44
(xxv)	Celebes (Enemy Invasion)	26. 1.42	-
(xxvi)	Gilbert Islands- Abaiang (Enemy Invasion) Abomama (Allied Invasion) Butaritari (Makin) (Enemy Invasion) (Allied Invasion) Tarawa (Enemy Invasion) (Allied Invasion)	10.12.41 21.11.43  10.12.41 21.11.43  10.12.41 21.11.43	24.12.41 25.11.43  12.12.41 25.11.43  27. 9.42 25.11.43
(xxvii)	Hong Kong (Enemy Invasion)	8.12.41	25.12.41

(xxviii)	Iwo Jima (Allied Invasion)	19. 2.45	16. 3.45
(xxix)	Java (Enemy Invasion)	27. 2.42	9. 3.42
(xxx)	Malaya	8.12.41	15. 2.42
(xxx1)	Marianas Islands (Allied Invasions)- Guam Saipan Tinian	21. 7.44 15. 6.44 24. 7.44	10. 8.44 18. 7.44 1. 8.44
(xxxii)	Molucca Islands (Enemy Invasion) Morotai (Allied Invasion)	30. 1.42 15. 9.44	26. 2.42 5.12.44
(xxxiii)	Nauru (Enemy Invasion)	8.12.41	1. 3.42
(xxxiv)	North Borneo Brunei Sarawak and Dutch Borneo (Enemy Invasion)	8. 12.41	3. 4.42
(xxxv)	Ocean Island (Enemy Invasion)	8.12.41	26. 8.42
(xxxvi)	Okinawa (Allied Invasion)	1. 4.45	21. 6.45
(xxxvii)	Philippine Islands (including outer islands) (Allied Invasion).	20.10.44	4. 7.45
(xxxviii)	Solomon Islands (British Solomon Islands Protectorate and Australian Mandated Territory)- Bougainville (Enemy Invasion) Choiseul (Enemy Invasion) (Allied Raid) Florida (with Tulagi Harbour) (Enemy Invasion). (Allied Invasion). Green Islands (Allied Invasion) Guadalcanal (Enemy Invasion) (Allied Invasion) Malaita (Enemy Invasion) New Georgia, etc., i.e. New Georgia Group (including Vella Lavella and Vangunu) (Enemy Invasion) (Allied Invasion) Northern, i.e. Buka, Shortland (Enemy Invasion) Treasury Group (including Mono) (Enemy Invasion). (Allied Invasion)	1. 2.42   1. 2.42 28. 10.43  1. 2.42 1. 8.42 15. 2.44  1. 2.42 7. 8.42 1. 2.42   1. 2.42 28. 6.43  1. 2.42   1. 2.42 25.10.43	30. 4.42   31. 5.42 4.11.43  31. 5.42 31. 8.42 19. 2.44  31. 5.42 9. 2.43 31. 5.42   31. 5.42 13.10.43  30. 4.42   31. 5.42 26.11.43
(xxxix)	Sumatra (Enemy Invasion)	14. 2.42	23. 3.42
(xl)	Timor (Enemy Invasion)	20. 2.42	31. 3.42
(xli)	Burma (Enemy Invasion)	22. 2.42	15. 5.42
(xlii)	Burma (Brig. Wingate's Force)	7.2.43	15. 7.43
(xliii)	Burma (First Arakan Campaign)	1.12.42	31. 5.43

(xliv)	Burma (Special Force, General Wingate and General Lentaigne).	15.2.44	27.8.44
(xlv)	Sicily	10. 7.43	17. 8.43

Note: - Those awarded the 1939-45 Star for service in the operations numbered (xxi) to (xl) above will be awarded the Pacific Star also, without further stipulation. A similar arrangement will apply for the Burma Star in respect of the operations numbered (xli) to (xlv) and for the Italy Star in respect of the operation numbered (xlv) above.

### **ATLANTIC STAR**

82. This Star will be awarded to those not qualified by previous service for the France and Germany Star who, between 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 and 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 and after qualifying for the 1939-45 Star, completed six months flying on approved transport and ferrying routes over the Atlantic, including at least three flights.

83. As an exception to the rule in paragraph 82 above, those who completed twelve months flying on approved routes, any six months of which qualify for this Star, may be awarded the Atlantic Star in addition to the 1939-45 Star.

84. Qualifying service of less than six months duration brought to an end by death, wounds or other disability due to service or in respect of which an Honour, Decoration, Mention in despatches or King's Commendation for valuable service in the air has been awarded, will be a qualification for this Star in addition to the 1939-45 Star.

85. There is a special rule relating to the six months ending 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, and those whose qualifying service commenced during that period and who were not subsequently engaged in service qualifying for another Star, may be awarded this Star but not the 1939-45 Star.

### **FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR**

86. This Star will be awarded to those not qualified by previous service for the Atlantic Star who, between 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 and 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, made three landings in Europe from bases in the United Kingdom.

Note: - Flights to Europe from bases in the Mediterranean area will be a qualification for the Italy Star and not for the France and Germany Star.

### **CLASP TO THE ATLANTIC STAR AND THE FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR**

87. A person who qualified for both the abovementioned Stars will be awarded the one for which he qualified first, but will also be awarded a Clasp to denote that service qualifying for the other has been rendered. When ribbons alone are worn, the award of a Clasp will be denoted by a Silver Rose Emblem worn centrally on the ribbon.

### **AFRICA STAR**

88. This Star will be awarded to those who, between 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940 and 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943 (both days included), completed:-

- (a) three flights over enemy occupied territory in Africa, or
- (b) three flights over operational land areas in Africa, or
- (c) three flights between Malta and Gibraltar or between Malta and Egypt, including three landings in Malta or Egypt.

89. The operational land areas referred to in paragraph 88(b) above are as follows:-

- (a) 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940 to 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943, North Africa (the whole of the territory between the Suez Canal and the Straits of Gibraltar being included).
- (b) 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940 to 27<sup>th</sup> November 1941 – Abyssinia, Eritrea, Italian Somaliland and Kenya (excluding Tanganyika Territory and Uganda).
- (c) 4<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> August 1940 – British Somaliland.
- (d) 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940 to 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943 – Malta.
- (e) 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940 to 27<sup>th</sup> November 1941 – Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

### **CLASP TO THE AFRICA STAR**

90. This Clasp will be awarded to those who, between 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1942 and 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943:-

- (a) flew in close support to the 1<sup>st</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> Armies, or
- (b) landed in Malta with supplies or reinforcements for the garrison.

### **PACIFIC STAR**

91. This Star will be awarded to those not qualified by previous service for the Burma Star who made at least three landings in any of the undermentioned areas within the dates stipulated:-

	From	To
Bismarck Archipelago	22. 1.42	2. 9 45
Caroline Islands	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Celebes	11. 1.42	2. 9 45
China	11.12.41	15. 2.42
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	10.12.41	2. 9 45
Guam	12.12.41	2. 9 45
Hong Kong	8.12.41	25.12.41
Iwo Jima	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Java	11. 1.42	2. 9 45
Malaya	8.12.41	15. 2.42

Marianas	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Marshall Islands	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Molucca Islands	11. 1.42	2. 9 45
Nauru	8.12.41	2. 9 45
New Guinea	7. 3.42	2. 9 45
North Borneo, Brunei, Sarawak and Dutch Borneo	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Ocean Island	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Okinawa	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Philippine Islands	10.12.41	2. 9 45
Solomon Islands (British Solomon Islands Protectorate and Australian Mandated Territory).	1. 2.42	2. 9 45
Sumatra	14. 2.42	23. 3.42
Timor	11. 1.42	2. 9 45
Wake Island	22.12.41	2. 9 45

Landings in China and Malaya after 15<sup>th</sup> February 1942, and in Sumatra after 23<sup>rd</sup> March 1942, are a qualification for the Burma Star and not the Pacific Star. Landings in the undermentioned areas will not qualify:-

Cocos Islands  
Fiji Islands  
New Caledonia  
New Hebrides  
Phoenix Islands  
Samoa Islands.

92. This Star will also be awarded, in addition to the 1939-45 Star, for participation in certain special operations in the Pacific Area shown in 81 above, and there numbered (xxi) to (xl).

### **BURMA STAR**

93. This Star will be awarded to those not qualified by previous service for the Pacific Star who made three landings in any of the undermentioned areas within the dates indicated:-

	From	To
Bengal and Assam	1. 5.42	31.12.43
Bengal and Assam (East of Brahmaputra).	1. 1.44	2. 9.45
Burma	11.12.41	2. 9.45
China	16. 2.42	2. 9.45
Malaya	16. 2.42	2. 9.45
Sumatra	24. 3.42	2. 9.45

Landings in China and Malaya before 16<sup>th</sup> February 1942, and in Sumatra before 24<sup>th</sup> March 1942, are a qualification for the Pacific Star and not the Burma Star.

94. This Star will also be awarded, in addition to the 1939-45 Star, for participation in certain special operations shown in para 81 above, and there numbered (xli) to (xliv).

### **CLASP TO THE PACIFIC STAR AND THE BURMA STAR**

95. A person who qualifies for both these Stars will be awarded the one for which he qualified first but will also be awarded a Clasp to denote that service qualifying for the other has been rendered. When ribbons alone are worn, the award of the Clasp will be denoted by a Silver Rose Emblem worn centrally on the ribbon.

### **ITALY STAR**

96. This Star will be awarded to those who made three landings in any of the undermentioned areas within the dates indicated:-

	From	To
Aegean	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Corsica	11. 6.43	4.10.43
Dodecanese	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Greece	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Italy (including Elba)	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Pantellaria	11. 6.43	—
Sardinia	11. 6.43	19. 9.43
Sicily	11. 6.43	17. 8.43
Yugoslavia	11. 6.43	8. 5.45

Flights to Europe from bases in the Mediterranean area during the period from 11<sup>th</sup> June 1943 to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945 will be a qualification for the Italy Star, and the France and Germany Star will not be granted for such flights between 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 and 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945. Flights from bases elsewhere than in the Mediterranean area will not be a qualification for the Italy Star.

97. This Star will also be awarded, in addition to the 1939-45 Star, for participation in the special operation against Sicily during the period from 10<sup>th</sup> July 1943 to 17<sup>th</sup> August 1943, shown in paragraph 81 above, and there numbered (xlv).

### **QUALIFYING SERVICE OF LESS THAN SIX MONTHS DURATION**

98. Those who are awarded the 1939-45 Star for less than six months qualifying service (e.g. for participation in one of the special operations listed in paragraph 81), will be required to complete six months service before beginning to qualify for the Atlantic Star.

## **SERVICE NOT TO COUNT CONCURRENTLY FOR TWO OR MORE STARS**

99. Service qualifying for one of the Stars cannot run concurrently with service qualifying for any other Star.

### **ALLIED AND FOREIGN NATIONALS**

100. Allied and foreign nationals who served as individuals in a British aircraft-operating organisation will be eligible for British Campaign Stars provided they do not receive any similar awards from their own Governments. Allied and foreign nationals employed by foreign companies, whether wholly or partly engaged upon British contracts or not, will not be eligible.

### **PART III – THE DEFENCE MEDAL**

101. So far as members of the Australian Forces are concerned, the Defence Medal is to be granted:-

- (a) to members serving for six months in non-operational areas subjected to enemy air attack, or loosely threatened, subject to (b) below. The specified areas are set out in paragraph 110 below;
- (b) to members who served for six months in the aggregate at any time between 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945 in the Northern Territory north of 14°30' South and the Torres Strait Islands, provided they were not ordinarily resident in those areas prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939. If they were ordinarily resident in either area the respective qualifying period will be three years;
- (c) for twelve months' non-operational service in the Forces overseas from or outside Australia;
- (d) to members of Mine and Bomb Disposal units of the Forces employed in the areas mentioned in paragraph 110 below for three months within the periods stated.

102. The ribbon is described in the United Kingdom White Paper Cmd. 6633 as follows:- "The centre of the ribbon is flame-coloured, and the edges are green, symbols of the enemy attacks on our green and pleasant land. Two black stripes represent the blackout."

103. Those qualified for any one of the Campaign Stars may be granted this award in addition, and subsequent award of one of the Campaign Stars will not supersede a previous grant of the Defence Medal. Military service in the territory of residence, neither subjected to enemy air attack nor closely threatened, is not a qualification for this medal.

104. **Service at sea.**

- (a) Service at sea on passage during the war, to a non-operational area will be reckoned as service counting towards the qualifying period for the grant of the Defence Medal for service in the Forces overseas from, or outside, the country of residence.

- (b) Service on passage through non-operational areas will be counted at its full rate towards the qualifying period of a year for service in territories not subjected to enemy attack or closely threatened.
- (c) Service on passage through non-operational areas to a non-operational area subjected to enemy attack or closely threatened will, when the Defence Medal is claimed in respect of six months service, be counted at half the actual time of the voyage.
- (d) Service at sea as a civilian in the Merchant Navy or otherwise (in any capacity other than in a uniformed category serving with the Forces and of the type indicated in paragraph 105 below in relation to service in territories subjected to enemy attack or closely threatened) will not be reckoned towards the award of the Defence Medal.
- (e) Service in seagoing commissioned ships (excluding ships of the Merchant Navy, Royal Fleet Auxiliaries and H.M. Hospital Ships) in non-operational areas, within the periods as appropriate:-
  - (i) 3.9.39 to 31.5.40
  - (ii) 3.9.39 to 9.6.40
  - (iii) 9.5.45 to 2.9.45

will be qualifying service for the Defence Medal, provided that the ships concerned are serving on a station where shore service in the Navy qualifies at that period for the Defence Medal.

**105. Civilians serving with the Forces.** Members of the few categories of civilians who are eligible to qualify for Campaign Stars will qualify for the Defence Medal under similar conditions to members of the Forces (see paragraph 116 below).

**106. Time qualification.** Service in the various eligible categories mentioned in paragraph 101 above may be aggregated.

**107. Exclusion of time spent as prisoner-of-war.** Time spent as prisoner-of-war will not be counted towards the award of the Defence Medal.

**108. Special awards.**

- (a) Service in eligible categories brought to an end before the qualifying period has been completed either by death due to enemy action when on duty or by injuries inflicted by enemy action, will be a qualification for the grant of the Defence Medal.
- (b) The Defence Medal will also be granted, without regard to the three year or twelve, six or three months service requirement, to those British subjects who may have received an award or King's Commendation for brave conduct or King's Commendation for valuable service in the air, provided that the recipient, when the award or King's Commendation was earned, was serving in a category eligible for the Defence Medal and that the distinction was granted in respect of service qualifying for the Defence Medal.
- (c) It will be noted that, for obvious reasons, the above definition excludes those granted the George Cross or George Medal for actions in service

qualifying for Campaign Stars or for actions in territories neither subjected to air attack nor closely threatened.

- (d) There are a few other recipients of the George Cross or the George Medal not in any of the categories mentioned in the preceding sub-paragraphs (b) and (c), mainly those granted these awards for gallantry in Civil Defence, who were not in a service which would qualify them for the Defence Medal. These also will be eligible specially for the Defence Medal. This arrangement will not apply to holders of awards other than the George Cross and the George Medal.

**109. Closing dates.**

- (a) Insofar as the Australian Forces are concerned, the closing date for service overseas from or outside the country of residence in non-operational areas not subject to enemy air attack or closely threatened will be 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945.
- (b) The closing dates for non-operational areas subjected to air attack or closely threatened are shown in paragraph 110 below.

**110. Non-operational areas subjected to enemy air attack or closely threatened.** The territories classified as non-operational areas subjected to enemy air attack or closely threatened are shown below with dates:-

	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>
United Kingdom	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
<i>Mediterranean Area</i>		
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	28.11.41	8. 5.45
Corsica	5.10.43	8. 5.45
Cyprus	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
Egypt and Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	3. 9.39 13. 5.43	9. 6.40 8. 5.45
Gibraltar	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
Malta	3. 9.39 13. 5.43	9. 6.40 8. 5.45
North Africa	13. 5.43	8. 5.45
Palestine	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
Pantellaria	12. 6.43	8. 5.45
Sardinia	20. 9.43	8. 5.45
Sicily	18. 8.43	8. 5.45
Sinai	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
Syria and Lebanon	3. 9.39 12. 7.41	7. 6.41 8. 5.45
<i>Indian Ocean.</i>		
Aden	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
Andaman Islands	3. 9.39	22. 3.42

Bengal and Assam (West of the Brahmaputra).	1. 1.44	2. 9.45
Ceylon	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
Cocos	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
Iraq	3. 9.39 1. 6.41	9. 4.41 8. 5.45
Kenya	3. 9.39 28.11.41	9. 6.40 8. 5.45
Maldive Islands	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
Mauritius	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
Nicobar Islands	3. 9.39	22. 3.42
Persia	3. 9.39 29. 8.41	24. 8.41 8. 5.45
Rodriquez	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
Seychelles	3. 9.39	8. 5.45
<i>Pacific Area</i>		
Brunei	3. 9.39	7.12.41
Christmas Island	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Cook Island	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Fanning Island	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Fiji Islands	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Hong-Kong	3. 9.39	7.12.41
Malaya	3. 9.39	7.12.41
Nauru	16. 6.40	7.12.41
New Caledonia	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
New Hebrides	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
North Borneo	3. 9.39	30.12.41
Northern Territory of Australia (North of latitude 14° 30' South).	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Norfolk Island	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Phoenix Island	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Rarotonga	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Sarawak	3. 9.39	7.12.41
Tonga Island	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Torres Strait Islands	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Union Island	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Washington Island	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
Western Samoa	3. 9.39	2. 9.45
<i>West Atlantic</i>		
Falkland Islands	3. 9.39	8. 5.45

#### **PART IV - THE WAR MEDAL 1939-45**

111. The War Medal 1939-45 is to be granted to full-time personnel of the Armed Forces wherever their service during the war has been rendered. A 28-day qualification will be adopted. Operational and non-operational service will qualify. In the Merchant Navy it will be a requirement that the 28 days should have been served at sea.

112. The ribbon is in the red, white and blue of the Union Flag. There is a narrow central red stripe with a narrow white stripe on either side. There are broad red stripes at either edge, the two intervening stripes being in blue.

113. Service between 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 and 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, inclusive, will qualify wherever rendered.

114. The War Medal will be granted in addition to the Campaign Stars and the Defence Medal, if earned.

115. Operational service brought to an end by death, wounds or other disability attributable to service, capture by the enemy, or the cessation of hostilities on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, will qualify a recipient of one of the Campaign Stars for the award of the War Medal even though the service may not amount to 28 days in all. This concession will not apply to an individual who does not qualify for a Campaign Star. When service was ended by capture by the enemy it will be a condition that there should have been freedom from blame. When the 1939-45 Star or one of the other Campaign Stars has been awarded for operational service of less than 28 days, the War Medal will be granted in addition.

#### **116. Civilians.**

- (a) The few approved categories of civilians who qualify for Campaign Stars, for instance:
  - (i) full-time uniformed representatives of the Red Cross and other philanthropic bodies, e.g. Australian Comforts Fund, Y.M.C.A. and Salvation Army serving in operational areas,
  - (ii) recognised uniformed Press Correspondents serving in army operational commands or in Naval or R.A.A.F. Establishments in the area thereof,
  - (iii) air crew of civil air transport who have flown on specified routes into theatres of war, or
  - (iv) other full-time uniformed persons accredited to the Forces in operational areas, will be eligible for the War Medal in addition to the Campaign Stars, provided that 28 days of such qualifying service has been rendered.
- (b) Civil categories similar to those described in (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv) above who served outside the country of residence in non-operational areas will not qualify for the War Medal unless such service outside the country of residence was rendered in a territory subjected to enemy air attack or closely threatened.

- (c) These civil categories will, however, be eligible for the War Medal if they have rendered 28 days qualifying service in the Northern Territory North of 14° 30' South or in the Torres Strait Islands at any time during the period 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939 to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945.

### **ANALYSIS**

117. The main features of the foregoing are set out in tabular form as follows, the awards being shown in the order in which they will be worn:-

Star/Medal	Earliest date of qualifying service	Latest date of qualifying service	Alternative to	Time qualification	Clasps	Emblem
1939-45 Star	3. 9.39	2. 9.45	-	6 months operational service, or on land any operational service specified in campaigns; Air Crew, 2 months	Air crew of fighters in Battle of Britain, 10. 7.40 to 31.10.40	Gilt Rose
Atlantic Star	3. 9.39 (a)	8. 5.45	France and Germany and Air Crew Europe Stars	2 months 6 months operational service; Air Crew, 2 months	France and Germany or Air Crew Europe	Silver Rose
Air Crew Europe Star	3. 9.39 (b)	5. 6.44	France and Germany and Atlantic Stars	2 months operational service.	France and Germany or Atlantic	Silver Rose
Africa Star	10. 6.40	12. 5.43	-	Entry into operational area	<u>8<sup>th</sup> Army</u> 23.10.42 to 12. 5.43 <u>1<sup>st</sup> Army</u> 8.11.42 to 12. 5.43 <u>R.A.F.</u> 23.10.42 to 12. 5.43 <u>R.N. Inshore Squadrons</u> and M.N. vessels which worked inshore 23.10.42 to 12. 5.43 <u>18<sup>th</sup> Army Group HQ.</u> 15. 2.43 to 12. 5.43	Silver "8"  Silver "1"      Silver Rose
Pacific Star	8.12.41	2. 9.45	Burma Star	Entry into operational area	Burma	Silver Rose
Burma Star	11.12.41	2. 9.45	Pacific Star	Entry into operational area	Pacific	Silver Rose
Italy Star	11. 6.43	8. 5.45	-	Entry into operational area	-	-
France and Germany Star	6. 6.44	8. 5.45	Atlantic and Air Crew Europe Stars	Entry into operational area	Atlantic	Silver Rose

Defence Medal	3. 9.39	2. 9.45		3 years, 1 year, 6 or 3 months	-	Silver laurel leaves (c)
War Medal	3. 9.39	2. 9.45		28 days operational or non-operational service in the Forces		Bronze oak leaf (d)

- (a) Usually 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1940.
- (b) Usually 3<sup>rd</sup> November 1939.
- (c) King's Commendation for brave conduct, Civil.
- (d) Mention in Despatches, King's Commendation for brave conduct or for valuable service in the air, Military or Merchant Navy.

118. The above rules will permit a person to wear five of the eight Campaign Star ribbons, and the Defence Medal and War Medal ribbons, as follows:-

	<b>Star or Medal</b>
Navy or Merchant Navy	1939-45 Star
	Atlantic (or France and Germany, or Air Crew Europe) Star
	Africa Star
	Pacific (or Burma) Star
	Italy Star
	Defence Medal (not in Merchant Navy)
	War Medal
Army	1939-45 Star
	Africa Star
	Pacific (or Burma) Star
	Italy Star
	France and Germany (or Atlantic or Air Crew Europe) Star
	Defence Medal
	War Medal
Air Force	1939-45 Star
	Air Crew Europe (or Atlantic or France and Germany) Star
	Africa Star
	Pacific (or Burma) Star
	Italy Star
	Defence Medal
	War Medal
Air crew personnel engaged on transport and ferrying duties	1939-1945 Star
	Atlantic (or France and Germany) Star
	Africa Star
	Pacific (or Burma) Star
	Italy Star

119. No individual will be awarded more than one Clasp to any one Campaign Star, and no one will be able to wear more than one Emblem on any one of the Star ribbons, when the ribbon only is worn.

#### **PART VI - OPERATIONAL SERVICE - AREAS OF QUALIFYING OPERATIONS**

120. The areas of qualifying operational service for the Campaign Stars in the Navy and Merchant Navy are given in detail in the foregoing paragraphs dealing with the various Campaign Stars.

121. The areas of qualifying operational service for the Campaign Stars on land are set out as shortly as possible below. These apply to Army, Navy and Air Force service on land and also to operational air crew service.

122. For the 1939-45 Star the qualification is six months operational service, or for air crew, two months, including at least one operational sortie. Service may be aggregated. In certain operations the qualification for the 1939-45 Star for service on land is reduced to entry into operational service.

123. For the Africa, Pacific, Burma, Italy and France and Germany Stars the qualification is entry into operational service on land, or for air crew, one operational sortie. To avoid repetition the areas of operational service for the 1939-45 Star and these other Stars are shown together.

### THE 1939-45 STAR

124. In the following operations, service of six or two months qualifies for the award of the 1939-45 Star :-

	From	To
France	3. 9.39	9. 5.40

125. In the following operations, entry into operational service on or between the date or dates shown qualifies for the award of the 1939-45 Star:-

	From	To
Belgium	10.5.40	19. 6.40
Boulogne-Le Touquet	3. 6.42	
Bruneval	27. 2.42	28. 2.42
Dieppe	19. 8.42	
France	10. 5.40	19. 6.40
Greece and Crete	10. 3.41	31. 5.41
Hardelot	21. 4.42	22. 4.42
Holland	12. 5.40	13. 5.40
India North-West Frontier	3. 2.40 18. 6.41 28. 7.42	24. 5.40 26. 8.41 18. 8.42
Iraq	10. 4.41	31. 5.41
Lofoten Islands	4. 3.41 26.12.41	
Lucania (Italy)	10. 2.41	
Madagascar	5. 5.42	5.11 42
Norway	14. 4.40	8. 6.40
Persia	25. 8.41	28. 8.41
St. Nazaire	27. 3.42	28. 3.42
Sark	3.10.42	4.10.42
Spitzbergen	25. 8.41 16. 5.42	3. 9.41 8. 9.43

Syria	8. 6.41	11. 7.41
Vaagso	27.12.41	13. 9.42

### THE 1939-45 STAR AND THE AFRICA STAR

126. In the following operations, service of six or two months during the periods shown qualifies for the award of the 1939-45 Star. Entry into operational service qualifies for the Africa Star:-

	From	To
Abyssinia (including attacks on Moyale, Elwak and Kassala).	10. 6.40	27.11.41
Anglo-Egyptian Sudan	10. 6.40	27.11.41
Eritrea	10. 6.40	27.11.41
Kenya (excluding Tanganyika territory and Uganda, except to troops who the G.O.C.-in-C., East Africa is satisfied were called forward from Uganda for operations in Lake Rudolf Area).	10. 6.40	27.11.41
Malta	10. 6.40	12. 5.43
North Africa (troops under Allied Force Headquarters, and Middle East Command excluding formations not West of the Suez Canal and Red Sea).	10. 6.40	12. 5.43
The Somalilands	10. 6.40	27.11.41

### THE 1939-45 STAR AND THE PACIFIC STAR

127. In the following operations, service of six or two months qualifies for the award of the 1939-45 Star. Entry into operational service qualifies for the Pacific Star.

(i) **Central Pacific and South China Sea**

Operational service qualifies in all islands South of Latitude 40° N. in the Central Pacific and the South China Sea in the area subjected to enemy invasion during the war, and including islands occupied by the enemy up to the cessation of hostilities, for the period from the date shown below and up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945.

The area is bounded on the North by Latitude 40° N. and on the East by the 180<sup>th</sup> meridian. The southern boundary of the area runs along Latitude 12° South from the 180<sup>th</sup> meridian to Longitude 145° East. The boundary then turns North along Longitude 145° East to Latitude 9° 40' South. It runs westward along this line to Timor. It then turns due South of Latitude 12° South, runs along this westwards to the Longitude 110° and then to Christmas Island (excluding the Island). The boundary then runs northwards round the South-East coast of Sumatra to Singapore.

It will be seen that this line encloses, for instance, the Marshall Islands, the Gilbert and Ellice Islands, and the Santa Cruz Islands. It excludes the Phoenix Islands, the Samoa Islands, the Fiji Islands, the New Hebrides and New Caledonia.

The chief qualifying periods are as follows:-

	From	To
Bismarck Archipelago	22. 1.42	2. 9 45
Caroline Islands	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Celebes	11. 1.42	2. 9 45
Gilbert and Ellice Islands	10.12.41	2. 9 45
Guam	12.12.41	2. 9 45
Iwo Jima	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Java	11. 1.42	2. 9 45
Marianas	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Marshall Islands	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Molucca Islands	11. 1.42	2. 9 45
Nauru	8.12.41	2. 9 45
New Guinea	7. 3.42	2. 9 45
North Borneo, Brunei, Sarawak and Dutch Borneo	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Ocean Island	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Okinawa	8.12.41	2. 9 45
Philippine Islands	10.12.41	2. 9 45
Solomon Islands (British Solomon Islands Protectorate and Australian Mandated Territory).	1. 2.42	2. 9 45
Timor	11. 1.42	2. 9 45
Wake Island	22.12.41	2. 9 45

This special arrangement covers the whole area of enemy land penetration in the Central Pacific and South China Sea. The zone as a whole is classified as operational for the purpose of the award of the 1939-45 Star and the Pacific Star from the date of the enemy invasions in each specific case up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945.

(ii) **China and Malaya**

	From	To
China (a)	11.12.41	15. 2.42
Malaya (a)	8.12.41	15. 2.42

(a) See also paragraph 129 below.

128. In the following operations entry into operational service during the periods shown qualifies for the 1939-45 Star and the Pacific Star:-

	From	To
Aleutian Islands (air crew service only)	3. 6.42	16. 8.43
Bismarck Archipelago (Enemy Invasion)	22. 1.42	24. 1.42
Bismarck Archipelago (Allied Invasions)- Admiralty Islands	29. 2.44	18. 5.44
Emirau Island	20. 3.44	20. 3.44
Mussau Island	30. 3.44	8. 4.44
Caroline Islands (Allied Invasions)- Angaur	17. 9.44	20.9.44
Ngulu	16.10.44	16.10.44
Palau	6. 9.44	14.10.44
Peleliu	15. 9.44	30. 9.44
Ulithi	21. 9.44	21. 9.44
Celebes (Enemy Invasion)	26. 1.42	26. 2.42
Gilbert Islands- Abaiang (Enemy Invasion)	10.12.41	24.12.41
Abomana (Allied Invasion)	21.11.43	25.11.43
Butaritari (Makin) (Enemy Invasion)	10.12.41	12.12.41
(Allied Invasion)	21.11.43	25.11.43
Tarawa (Enemy Invasion)	10.12.41	27. 9.42
(Allied Invasion)	21.11.43	25.11.43
Hong Kong (Enemy Invasion)	8.12.41	25.12.41
Iwo Jima (Allied Invasion)	19. 2.45	16. 3.45
Java (Enemy Invasion)	27. 2.42	9. 3.42
Malaya (a)	8.12.41	15. 2.42
Marianas Islands (Allied Invasions)- Guam	21. 7.44	10. 8.44
Saipan	15. 6.44	18. 7.44
Tinian	24. 7.44	1. 8.44
Molucca Islands (Enemy Invasion)	30. 1.42	26. 2.42
Morotai (Allied Invasion)	15. 9.44	5.12.44
Nauru (Enemy Invasion)	8.12.41	1. 3.42
North Borneo Brunei Sarawak and Dutch Borneo (Enemy Invasion)	8. 12.41	3. 4.42
Ocean Island (Enemy Invasion)	8.12.41	26. 8.42
Okinawa (Allied Invasion)	1. 4.45	21. 6.45
Philippine Islands (including outer islands) (Allied Invasion).	20.10.44	4. 7.45
Solomon Islands (British Solomon Islands Protectorate) (and Australian Mandated Territories)- Bougainville (Enemy Invasion)	1. 2.42	30. 4.42
Choiseul (Enemy Invasion)	1. 2.42	31. 5.42
(Allied Raid)	28. 10.43	4.11.43
Florida (with Tulagi Harbour) (Enemy Invasion).	1. 2.42	31. 5.42
(Allied Invasion).	1. 8.42	31. 8.42

Green Islands (Allied Invasion)	15. 2.44	19. 2.44
Guadalcanal (Enemy Invasion)	1. 2.42	31. 5.42
(Allied Invasion)	7. 8.42	9. 2.43
Malaita (Enemy Invasion)	1. 2.42	31. 5.42
New Georgia, etc., i.e. New Georgia Group (including Vella Lavella and Vangunu (Enemy Invasion)	1. 2.42	31. 5.42
(Allied Invasion)	28. 6.43	13.10.43
Northern, i.e. Buka, Shortland (Enemy Invasion)	1. 2.42	30. 4.42
Treasury Group (including Mono) (Enemy Invasion).	1. 2.42	31. 5.42
(Allied Invasion)	25.10.43	26.11.43
Sumatra (a) (Enemy Invasion)	14. 2.42	23. 3.42
Timor (Enemy Invasion)	20. 2.42	31. 3.42

(a) See also paragraph 129 below.

### THE 1939-45 STAR AND THE BURMA STAR

129. In the following operations, service of six or two months during the periods shown qualifies for the award of the 1939-45 Star. Entry into operational service qualifies for the Burma Star:-

	From	To
Bengal and Assam	1. 5.42	31.12.43
Bengal and Assam (East of Brahmaputra).	1. 1.44	2. 9.45
Burma	11.12.41	2. 9.45
China (a)	16. 2.42	2. 9.45
Malaya (b)	16. 2.42	2. 9.45
Sumatra (c)	24. 3.42	2. 9.45

(a) See also paragraph 127(ii) above

(b) See also paragraphs 127(ii) and 128 above

(c) See also paragraph 128 above

130. In the following operations entry into operational service during the periods shown qualifies for the award of the 1939-45 Star and the Burma Star:-

	From	To
Burma (Enemy Invasion)	22. 2.42	15. 5.42
Burma (Brig. Wingate's Force)	7.2.43	15. 7.43
Burma (First Arakan Campaign)	1.12.42	31. 5.43
Burma (Special Force, General Wingate and General Lentaigne).	15.2.44	27.8.44

### **THE 1939-45 STAR AND THE ITALY STAR**

131. In the following operations, service of six or two months during the periods shown qualifies for the award of the 1939-45 Star. Entry into operational service qualifies for the Italy Star:-

	From	To
Aegean	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Corsica	11. 6.43	4.10.43
Dodecanese	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Greece	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Italy (including Elba)	11. 6.43	8. 5.45
Pantellaria	11. 6.43	—
Sardinia	11. 6.43	19. 9.43
Sicily	11. 6.43	17. 8.43
Yugoslavia	11. 6.43	8. 5.45

132. In the following operations entry into operational service qualifies for the award of the 1939-45 Star and for the Italy Star:-

	From	To
Sicily	10. 7.43	17. 8.43

### **THE 1939-45 STAR AND THE FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR**

133. In the following operations, service of six or two months during the periods shown qualifies for the award of the 1939-45 Star. Entry into operational service qualifies for the France and Germany Star:-

	From	To
France, Belgium, Holland or Germany	6. 6.44	8. 5.45

134. The reckoning of service in the operations in the above list is subject to the various approved rules including those mentioned in paragraph 75 relating to the last six months of active hostilities in the European and the Pacific and Burma theatres respectively.

## **PART VII - AWARDS TO ALLIED AND OTHER FOREIGN NATIONALS IN THE BRITISH FORCES**

### **THE CAMPAIGN STARS AND THE WAR MEDAL**

135. The categories of Allied and other foreign nationals in the British Forces eligible for Campaign Stars and the War Medal are as follows:-

- (a) Foreign nationals commissioned or enlisted as individuals into British Forces.

- (b) Foreign nationals commissioned or enlisted into British Forces by virtue of their membership of Allied Forces.
- (c) Foreign national s serving as individuals
  - (i) in British Merchant ships, or
  - (ii) in Foreign vessels chartered on bare-boat (or nett) charters by His Majesty's Government, flying the British flag and with crew serving under British conditions.

136. The above three categories are eligible for any Campaign Star and/or the War Medal provided the individuals do not receive an award equivalent to any such Campaign Star and/or the War Medal, as the case may be, from their own Government. It is explained to recipients that the British ribbons are issued provisionally, and that their claim to the corresponding Stars (and therefore the right to continue to wear the ribbons) would be invalidated by the acceptance from their own or other Allied Governments of any other medal employed or instituted for general use in this war.

137. Foreign nationals in the categories in paragraph 135 above (mainly in (a) and (c)) who subsequently transferred to the Forces or Merchant Navies of their own countries must, in order to qualify, have completed their qualifying service before their own countries declared war.

#### **DEFENCE MEDAL**

138. Subject to their not receiving an award from their own Government equivalent to the Defence Medal (in accordance with the rule in paragraph 136 above) foreign nationals who enlisted in the Australian Forces either as in (a) or (b) of paragraph 135 above, will qualify for the Defence Medal in the same manner as other members of the Forces.

#### **PART VIII – INTERPRETATION**

139. Any questions or difficulty in connection with the scheme, including interpretation and so forth, will be a matter for reference by the Commonwealth Department concerned and the Department of Defence.

#### **PART IX – MENTION IN DESPATCHES AND KING'S COMMENDATIONS**

140. The single bronze oak leaf Emblem signifying in the Forces and the Merchant Navy either a Mention in Despatches, a King's Commendation for brave conduct, or a King's Commendation for valuable service in the air will, if granted for service in the war of 1939-45, be worn on the ribbon of the War Medal.

141. The plastic oval badge granted to civilians awarded King's Commendations for brave conduct during the war is replaced, except in the Merchant Navy, by an Emblem of silver laurel leaves, and this will be worn on the ribbon of the Defence Medal. When the Defence Medal has not been granted, or the award is for services subsequent to the war, the Emblem will be worn directly on the coat, after any ribbons, or by itself.

142. A small silver oval Badge will be awarded to those civilians granted King's Commendations for valuable service in the air. This is to be worn on the coat immediately below any medals ribbons, or, in civil air line uniform, on the panel of the left breast pocket.

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