OPERATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL - BORDER PROTECTION

Overview

1. The Operational Service Medal – Border Protection (OSM – BP) may be awarded for eligible service in connection with declared Australian border protection activities detailed below.

Authority

2. The source document for the OSM – BP is:
Governor-General declaration and determination of 18 July 2012 published in the Commonwealth of Australia Gazette (CAG) S126 of 1 August 2012.

3. This document may be viewed at www.defence.gov.au/medals.

Declared operations

4. The following operations constitute the declared operation for the OSM – BP:
   - Operation CRANBERRY - that commenced on 1 August 1997 and ended on 16 July 2006;
   - Operation DIRK - that commenced on 1 September 1997 and ended on 31 October 1997;
   - Operation STANHOPE - that commenced on 3 February 1998 and ended on 6 March 1998;
   - Operation MISTRAL - that commenced on 1 August 1998 and ended on 30 June 2006;
   - Operation TEEBONE - that commenced on 1 March 2001 and ended on 31 March 2001;
   - Operation CELESTA - that commenced on 1 August 2001 and ended on 31 July 2006;
   - Operation SUTTON - that commenced on 25 January 2002 and ended on 19 February 2002;
   - Operation GEMSBOK - that commenced on 29 August 2003 and ended on 3 October 2003;
   - Operation RELEX - that commenced on 3 September 2001 and ended on 13 March 2002;
   - Operation RELEX II - that commenced on 14 March 2002 and ended on 16 July 2006;
   - Operation RESOLUTE - that commenced on 17 July 2006;

Eligible persons and qualifying service

5. The OSM – BP may be awarded to:
   - a member of the Australian Defence Force who was deployed or force assigned for duty as such a member of one or more of the operations listed in paragraph 4 for a period of not less than an aggregate 30 days; or
   - a member of the Australian Defence Force who was deployed or force assigned for duty as such a member of one or more of the operations listed in paragraph 4 and who completed 30 sorties from a unit assigned to the declared operation, provided that those sorties were conducted over a period on not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day within the duration of the declared operation;

   provided that the member is a person:
deployed at sea providing direct support to a declared operation;
deployed on land or in the air, dedicated to cuing support to a declared operation; or
deployed forward to exclusively support a declared operation.

Area of operations

6. The area of operations determined for the award of the OSM – BP is the area defined by the
seas and Australian land areas, superjacent airspaces, but not foreign areas encompassed within the
coordinates:

15°00’ North Latitude, 60°00’ East Longitude
15°00’ North Latitude, 180°00’ East Longitude
60°00’ South Latitude, 60°00’ East Longitude
60°00’ South Latitude, 180°00’ East Longitude.

Special provision

7. Where a person does not complete the required 30 days qualifying period or 30 sorties owing
to his or her death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the member will
be deemed to have qualified for the medal.

Exclusions

8. A member is not eligible for an award of the OSM – Border Protection where an entitlement
exists to another Australian medal for the same deployment.

9. A member is not eligible for an award of the OSM – Border Protection where the member
was part of:

   Headquarters staff at Joint Operations Command;
   Headquarters staff at Northern Command;
   Headquarters staff at Military Strategic Commitments;
   Headquarters staff at Regional Force Surveillance Unit;
   Australian Defence Force staff at Border Protection Command; or
   Base maintainers and support personnel other than those described at paragraph 5.

Nomination and processing procedures

10. Current serving members. Current serving members have been encouraged not to apply as
they are being included on endorsed nominal lists of eligible serving personnel that will be forwarded
to DH&A from single Service headquarters on a template provided by DH&A.

11. DH&A will organise upload of the data to PMKeyS, approval and despatch of entitlement.

12. A current serving member who believes that he or she has not been nominated should
address an enquiry to their parent Service in the first instance.

13. Discharged members. Discharged members who believe that they have an entitlement to the
medal are to apply to DH&A providing full details of their service including all available written
evidence. Wherever possible, Form AD 807—Application for the Issue of Medals and/or Clasps is to
be used. An electronic copy of the form can be obtained from the DH&A website at
14. In the case of deceased members, applications are to be made in accordance with the procedures for granting of unissued medals detailed in Chapter 45—Granting of unissued service awards of deceased members. An electronic copy of the form can be obtained from the DH&A website at www.defence.gov.au/medals.

Accumulated Service Device

15. The accumulated service device is not available for issue with the OSM – BP.

Operational Service Badge

16. The ADF Operational Service Badge will be issued if this is the first occasion that a member is awarded the OSM.