CHAPTER 23

CAMPAIGN AWARDS POST 1975

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR CAMPAIGN AWARDS

Overview

23.1 This chapter deals with campaign awards issued for operational service since 1975. These have been issued for those major activities for which a greater level of recognition than the Australian Active Service Medal is warranted.

23.2 The decision to issue a campaign medal is normally based on the numbers of personnel involved, the level of danger and risk involved in operations and the duration of the operations. Campaign awards will not be issued for all operations.

23.3 Campaign awards issued to date are:


b. Afghanistan Medal.

c. Iraq Medal.

23.4 Descriptions of these medals are contained in Volume 2, Chapter 16.

23.5 This chapter provides general information followed by specific details for each award. Nomination and processing procedures are included in separate annexes for each award.

Wearing of medals

23.6 When wearing uniform, awards are to be worn in accordance with single-Service dress regulations. The order of wearing awards is detailed in Chapter 4, Annex A.

Record keeping

23.7 The regulations for the respective medals included in this chapter require that a register of awards is maintained. Directorate of Honours and Awards (DH&A) maintains this register and also records the details of members’ awards on their personal records (PMKeyS) or DH&A member records as applicable.

Cancellation and reinstatement

23.8 The Regulations provide that the Governor-General may cancel the award of a medal and may reinstate an award so cancelled. Any proposal under this provision that a medal award should be cancelled or that a cancelled medal award should be reinstated is to be submitted to DH&A for consideration and action in accordance with the provisions detailed in Chapter 46—‘Forfeiture and restoration of Service Awards’.

INTERNATIONAL FORCE EAST TIMOR MEDAL

23.9 The INTERFET Medal may be awarded for eligible service in East Timor during the period 16 September 1999 to 10 April 2000.

Nomination and processing procedures

23.10 Nomination and processing procedures for the INTERFET Medal are detailed in Annex A.
Authority

23.11 The source documents for the INTERFET Medal are:
   b. CAG S208 of 17 October 2008—Governor-General determination on the INTERFET Medal.
   c. CAG S187 of 13 November 2000—Governor-General declaration and determination of INTERFET operation.

23.12 These documents may be viewed in www.defence.gov.au/medals.

Eligible persons and qualifying service

23.13 The INTERFET Medal may be awarded to:
   a. ADF members who rendered service as such a member while posted as a member of the Australian element of the INTERFET operation for 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or who completed 30 sorties within the duration of the INTERFET operation, provided that those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day;
   b. ADF members who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature with the military contribution in INTERFET;
   c. ADF members who rendered service as such a member of INTERFET for 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of a foreign defence force while on secondment or exchange with that foreign defence force;
   d. a member of a foreign defence force who rendered service as such a member while posted as a member of the Australian or foreign element of INTERFET for 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;
   e. a member of a foreign defence force who rendered service as such a member of INTERFET for 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of the Australian Defence Force (ADF) on secondment or exchange with the ADF;
   f. a member of a foreign defence force who completed 30 sorties within the duration of the INTERFET operation, provided that those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day;
   g. a member of a foreign defence force who rendered service as such a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature with the military contribution in INTERFET; and
   h. A person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of INTERFET for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister.

Area of operations

23.14 The area of operations determined for the award of the INTERFET Medal is the area comprising East Timor and the sea adjacent to East Timor out to a distance of 12 nautical miles from the low water mark.

Special provision

23.15 Except for visitors, where a person does not complete the required 30 days qualifying period owing to their death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the member will be deemed to have qualified for the medal.
Non-eligible service

23.16 A member or person who has an entitlement to be awarded the United Nations Transitional Authority in East Timor Medal for service on Operation TANAGER from 20 February 2000 to 10 April 2000 is not eligible for the INTERFET Medal.

AFGHANISTAN MEDAL

23.17 The Afghanistan Medal may be awarded for service in Afghanistan and other areas as detailed below.

Nomination and processing procedures

23.18 Nomination and processing procedures for the Afghanistan medal are detailed in Annex B.

Authority

23.19 The source documents for the Afghanistan Medal are:


b. Governor-General declaration and determination on the Afghanistan Medal approved on 04 December 2012.

23.20 These documents may be viewed in www.defence.gov.au/medals.

Area of operations

23.21 The area of operations for the Afghanistan Medal have been prescribed as follows:

a. Operation SLIPPER during three periods in the following declared prescribed areas:

(1) **Area A.** Service commenced on 11 October 2001 and ended on 05 December 2002 in the specified areas comprising the total land areas and superjacent airspace boundaries of Kyrgyzstan. (Map 1 refers)

(2) **Area B.** Service commenced on 11 October 2001 and ended on 05 December 2002 in the specified area comprising the total land areas, territorial waters, inland waterways and superjacent airspace boundaries of Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz, the Gulf of Oman, those portions of the Arabian Sea bounded by 68 degrees East and 12 degrees North, and the Gulf of Aden. (Map 1 refers)

(3) **Area C.** Service commenced on 11 October 2001 in the specified area comprising the total land areas and superjacent airspace boundaries of Afghanistan. (Map 2 refers)

(4) **Area D.** Service commenced on 1 January 2009 and ended on 30 July 2009; (Map 3 refers)

within the area bounded by:

- 48 00N Latitude, 81 00E Longitude
- 48 00N Latitude, 35 00E Longitude
- 12 00N Latitude, 35 00E Longitude
- 12 00N Latitude, 81 00E Longitude
(5) **Area E.** Service commenced on 31 July 2009 and ended on 19 February 2012; (Map 4 refers)
within the area bounded by:
- 39 00N Latitude, 78 00E Longitude
- 39 00N Latitude, 32 00E Longitude
- 05 00S Latitude, 32 00E Longitude
- 05 00S Latitude, 78 00E Longitude

(6) **Area F.** Service commenced on 20 February 2012; (Map 5 refers)
within the area bounded by:
- 39 00N Latitude, 32 00E Longitude
- 39 00N Latitude, 78 00E Longitude
- 23 00N Latitude, 78 00E Longitude
- 23 00N Latitude, 68 00E Longitude
- 11 00S Latitude, 68 00E Longitude
- 11 00S Latitude, 38 00E Longitude
- 17 00N Latitude, 38 00E Longitude
- 17 00N Latitude, 32 00E Longitude

b. Operation PALATE—the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan that commenced on 6 December 2002 and ended on 30 June 2004 in the prescribed area comprising the specified total land areas and superjacent airspace boundaries of Afghanistan.

c. Operation PALATE II—the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan that commenced on 27 June 2005 in the prescribed area comprising Afghanistan’s land territory, internal waters and superjacent airspace.

23.22 Maps of the qualifying areas are included in Annex B, Appendix 2.

**Eligible persons and qualifying service**

23.23 The Afghanistan Medal may be awarded to:

a. an ADF member who rendered assigned service as such a member while posted as a member of the Australian element for duty to the prescribed operation for a period of 30 days or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or who completed 30 sorties within the duration of the prescribed operation, provided that those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day;

b. an ADF member who rendered assigned service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of a foreign defence force on an approved third country deployment to the prescribed operation while on secondment or exchange with the foreign defence force; and

c. a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the prescribed operation for a period of 30 days or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal.
Special provision

23.24 Where a person does not complete the required qualifying period owing to their death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the member will be deemed to have qualified for the Medal.

Non-eligible persons

23.25 A person is not eligible for an award of the Afghanistan Medal where an entitlement exists to the Iraq Medal for the same deployment.

IRAQ MEDAL

23.26 The Iraq Medal may be awarded for service in Iraq and other areas as detailed below.

Nomination and processing procedures

23.27 Nomination and processing procedures for the Iraq Medal are detailed in Annex C.

Authority

23.28 The source documents for the Iraq Medal are:


23.29 These documents may be viewed in www.defence.gov.au/medals.

Area of operations

23.30 The area of operations for the Iraq Medal have been prescribed as follows:

   a. Operation FALCONER:

      (1) Commencing on 18 March 2003 and ending on 30 April 2003 in a specified area identified as Area A and comprising the total land areas, territorial waters, inland waterways and superjacent airspace boundaries of Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Yemen, the Persian Gulf, the Strait of Hormuz, the Gulf of Oman, those portions of the Arabian Sea bounded by 68 degrees East and 12 degrees North, the Gulf of Aden, the Bab el Mandeb, the Red Sea, the Gulf of Suez and the Gulf of Aqaba.

      (2) Commencing on 1 May 2003 and ending on 22 July 2003 in a specified area identified as Area B and comprising the total land areas, territorial waters, inland waterways and superjacent airspace boundaries of Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, North of 23 degrees North, the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz.

   b. Operation CATALYST during the period commencing on 16 July 2003 and ending on 31 July 2009 in the specified areas comprising the total land areas, territorial waters, inland waterways and superjacent airspace boundaries of Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, North of 23 degrees North, the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz.


   d. Operation KRUGER—the Australian Defence Force contribution to the provision of security in Iraq that commenced on 1 January 2009 and ended 9 August 2011.

23.31 Maps of the qualifying areas are included in Annex C, Appendix 2.
Eligible persons and qualifying service

23.32 The Iraq Medal may be awarded to:

a. an ADF member who rendered assigned service as such a member while posted as a member of the Australian element for duty to:

   (1) Operation FALCONER in:

      (a) **Area A**, for not less than seven days or who completed seven sorties from a unit force assigned to the prescribed operation provided that those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of seven days at a rate of one sortie per day; or

      (b) **Area B**, for not less than 30 days or who completed 30 sorties from a unit force assigned to the prescribed operation provided that those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day; or

   (2) Operation CATALYST for not less than 30 days or who completed 30 sorties within the duration of the operation;

b. an ADF member who rendered assigned service as such a member to Operations FALCONER and CATALYST in accordance with. as part of the contribution of a foreign defence force on an approved third country deployment to the operations listed above while on secondment or exchange with the foreign defence force;

c. an ADF member who rendered assigned service as such a member while posted as a member of an Australian element for duty to Operations FALCONER and CATALYST in accordance with Subparagraph 23.13a.; and

d. a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of Operations FALCONER and CATALYST in accordance with subparagraph a and who in accordance with a determination made by the Minister, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal.

Special provision

23.33 Where a person does not complete the required qualifying period owing to their death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the member will be deemed to have qualified for the Medal.

Annexes:

A. Nomination and processing procedures for the INTERFET Medal
B. Nomination and processing procedures for the Afghanistan Medal
C. Nomination and processing procedures for the Iraq Medal