



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

I, **QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Active Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988 ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary of Defence Support, hereby:

- (a) **declare**, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, the following warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force were engaged, to be a *prescribed operation* for the purposes of the Regulations:
 - (i) Operation "Jural" – Service as a member of the Australian Defence Force assigned for service with the United Kingdom elements of the coalition force operation to patrol the Iraq No-Fly-Zones that commenced on 30 June 1991 and ended on 12 January 2003 while in the area comprising Iraq;
 - (ii) Operation "Provide Comfort" – Service as a member of the Australian Defence Force assigned for service with the United States elements of the coalition force operation to patrol the Iraq No-Fly-Zones that commenced on 11 August 1991 and ended on 15 December 1996 while in the area comprising Iraq;
 - (iii) Operation "Bolton" – Service as a member of the Australian Defence Force assigned for service with the United Kingdom elements of the coalition force operation to patrol the Iraq No-Fly-Zones that commenced on 31 August 1992 and ended on 12 January 2003 while in the area comprising Iraq;
 - (iv) Operation "Southern Watch" – Service as a member of the Australian Defence Force assigned for service with the United States elements of the coalition force operation to patrol the Iraq No-Fly-Zones that commenced on 31 August 1992 and ended on 12 January 2003 while in the area comprising Iraq;
 - (v) Operation "Northern Watch" – Service as a member of the Australian Defence Force assigned for service with the United States elements of the coalition force operation to patrol the Iraq No-Fly-Zones that commenced on 1 January 1997 and ended on 12 January 2003 while in the area comprising Iraq;

- (b) **determine**, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp 'IRAQ' ("the Medal") for that *prescribed operation* are:
- (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member for a *prescribed period*, 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;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member of the Australian element for duty to the *prescribed operation* and who completed a *prescribed number of sorties* within the duration of the *prescribed operation*;
 - (iii) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered assigned service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation*, and who, completed a *prescribed period* or a *prescribed number of sorties*, and, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(4)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal;
 - (iv) in this paragraph "*prescribed period*" for the *prescribed operation* at subparagraphs a(i), a(ii), a(iii), a(iv) and a(v) means, in relation to subparagraphs b(i) and b(iii) a period of not less than one day;
 - (v) in this paragraph "*prescribed number of sorties*" within the duration of the *prescribed operation* at subparagraphs a(i), a(ii), a(iii), a(iv) and a(v) means, in relation to subparagraphs b(ii) and b(v) one sortie from a unit force assigned to the *prescribed operation*;

PROVIDED THAT where a member does not complete the *prescribed period* or *prescribed number of sorties* required by subparagraphs b(i), b(ii) or b(iii) owing to his or her death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other physical disability due to service in the *prescribed operation*, the member will be deemed to have completed that *prescribed period* or *prescribed number of sorties*; and

- c) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that where an entitlement exists to the Australian Service Medal (ASM) with Clasp 'IRAQ', a person is not eligible for an award of the ASM where the entitlement to the ASM arises from the same rotation deployment as

gave rise to the entitlement for the AASM with Clasp 'IRAQ', and includes the same posting or period of service with the prescribed operation.

Dated

18th Aug 2009


Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command



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