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It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved certain amendments to conditions for the award of the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp 'IRAQ 2003', as detailed in the following Declaration and Determination:



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 for Defence Support, **hereby**:

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 31 March 2004 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare**, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force who render service with the forces known as:
 - (i) “Operation Falconer” – the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United States led military operations to remove the threat of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, that commenced on 18 March 2003 and ended on 22 July 2003 in the specified areas comprising of the following:
 - 38 00N Latitude, 68 00E Longitude
 - 38 00N Latitude, 32 00E Longitude
 - 10 00N Latitude, 32 00E Longitude
 - 10 00N Latitude, 68 00E Longitude;
 - (ii) “Operation Catalyst” – the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United States led coalition operations in Iraq to support the Australian effort to assist with the rehabilitation of Iraq and remove the threat of weapons of mass destruction, that commenced on 16 July 2003 in the area comprising the total land areas, territorial waters, internal waterways and superjacent airspace boundaries of Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia north of 23 degrees North latitude, the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormuz;
 - (iii) “Operation Riverbank” – the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, that commenced on 21 July 2008; and

(iv) “Operation Kruger” – the Australian Defence Force contribution to the provision of security in Iraq, that commenced on 1 January 2009;

to be a *prescribed operation* for the purposes of the Regulations;

(c) **determine**, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp ‘IRAQ 2003’ (“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 while posted as a member of the Australian element for duty to the *prescribed operation* for a *prescribed period*;

(ii) 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;

(iii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered assigned service as such a member and who completed a *prescribed number of sorties* within the duration of the *prescribed operation*;

(iv) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* for a *prescribed period* and who, 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;

(v) (A) in this paragraph “*prescribed period*” for the *prescribed operation* at subparagraph b(i), b(ii), b(iii) and b(iv) means:

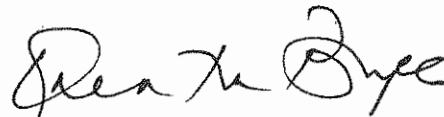
(1) in relation to subparagraphs c(i), c(ii) and c(iv) a period of not less than one day, and

PROVIDED THAT where a member does not complete the *prescribed period* required by subparagraphs c(i), c(ii) or c(iv) owing to his or her death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the member will be deemed to have completed that *prescribed period*.

- (vi) (A) in this paragraph "*prescribed number of sorties*" within the duration of the *prescribed operation* at subparagraph b(i), b(ii), b(iii) and b(iv) means:
 - (1) in relation to subparagraph c(iii) one operational sortie from a unit force assigned to the *prescribed operation* and for which the member has been allotted,

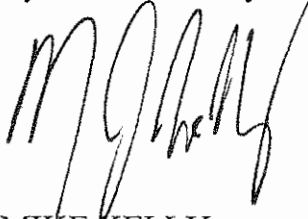
- (d) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that a person is not eligible for an award of the Medal where an entitlement exists to an Australian Service Medal for the same posting or the same aggregate periods of service to the *prescribed operation*.

Dated 16/9 2009



Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command



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