

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 3

DETERMINATION UNDER SUBREGULATION 4(2)

I, WILLIAM GEORGE HAYDEN, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, on the recommendation of the Minister of State for Defence Science and Personnel, hereby:

- (a) under regulation 3 of the Australian Service Medal Regulations set out in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988, declare the Royal Australian Navy activity in the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman in the period that commenced on 17 November 1986 and ended on 31 October 1988 and the activity comprising continuing Mine Countermeasures Operations within the Persian Gulf in the period that commenced on 1 November 1988 and ended on 28 February 1989 each to be a prescribed operation for the purposes of those Regulations; and
- (b) under subregulation 4(2) of those Regulations determine that the conditions for the award of the Australian Service Medal in respect of those prescribed operations are:
 - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who served on exchange or secondment with Foreign Defence Forces and who rendered service between 17 November 1986 and 31 October 1988 within the area comprising the waters of the Persian Gulf and of the Gulf of Oman north and west of Ras Al Hadd for a period of, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to, not less than 30 days;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who served on exchange or secondment with Foreign Defence Forces and who rendered service between 1 November 1988 and 28 February 1989 within the area comprising the waters of the Persian Gulf during continuing Mine Countermeasures operations for a period of, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to, not less than 30 days;

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- (iii) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraph (b)(i) or (ii) may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or his delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member served in the specified areas of the Persian Gulf or the Gulf of Oman for a period of, or for periods that amount in the aggregate to, less than 30 days;
- (iv) the Chief of the Defence Force in exercising his discretion to deem under subparagraph (c)(iii) shall take into account whether the member's service with the Foreign Defence Force:
- (A) was terminated owing to death, evacuation owing to illness or injury or other disability due to service; or
- (B) was terminated due to Foreign Government or Defence Force reasons;
- (v) the Medal shall be awarded to members qualifying under subparagraphs (b)(i) or (ii) with the clasp 'GULF';
- (vi) a period or periods of service as described in subparagraph (b)(i) shall be deemed to include a period or periods of service as described in subparagraph (b)(ii) for the purpose of qualifying for award of the Medal; and
- (vii) eligibility for the award of the Medal shall not be affected by the grant of any other award for service in the prescribed operational area.

Dated

Southeast October

1991

Bill Napier
Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

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Minister of State for Defence Science and Personnel