

## COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

## DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

I, **PETER JOHN HOLLINGWORTH**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal Regulations contained in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988, ("the Regulations") and on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, **hereby**:

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 14 August 1998 under Regulation 3 and Subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare** under regulation 3 of the Regulations that the following nonwarlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force were engaged in during the following periods to be a *declared operation* for the purpose of the Regulations;
  - (i) the International Kurdish Relief Operation in Southern Turkey and Northern Iraq that commenced on 1 May 1991;
  - (ii) the United Nations Special Commission in Iraq that commenced on 1 May 1991;
  - (iii) the multinational military deployment in the Middle East that commenced on 15 February 1998 and ended on 30 June 1998;
  - (iv) the multinational military deployment in the Middle East that commenced on 1 July 1998 and ended on 1 October 2001;
  - (v) authorised third country deployments with United Kingdom Iraq/Persian Gulf Operations in respect of imposing sanctions on Iraq that commenced on 16 July 1991 and ended on 1 October 2001;

- (vi) authorised third country deployments with United States Iraq/Persian Gulf Operations in respect of imposing sanctions on Iraq that commenced on 16 July 1991 and ended on 1 October 2001; and
- (c) **determine**, under Subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'IRAQ' for that prescribed operation are:
  - the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while posted to or serving as a member of the Australian element of the prescribed operation for a prescribed period;
  - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a prescribed period as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force 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 service as such a member for a prescribed period for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature while assigned for duty with the military contribution to the activity described at paragraph b(i);
  - (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a person who renders service as part of the Australian element of the prescribed operation for a prescribed period 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 with clasp 'IRAQ';
  - (v) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs
     (c)(i), (c)(ii) or (c)(iv) may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying periods described; and

- (vi) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs
  (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iv) or (c)(v) of this Instrument may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or a delegate of the Chief of the Defence Force to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying periods described if service in relation to the *declared operation* was terminated due to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service;
- (vii) in this paragraph "prescribed period" means:
  - (A) in relation to the activities described at subparagraphs
    (b)(i), b(iv), (b)(v) and (b)(vi) a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days; and
  - (B) in relation to the activities described at subparagraphs
     (b)(ii) and (b)(iii), a period of not less than an aggregate of seven days.

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Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

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ROBERT HILL Minister for Defence