

## **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 the Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988, ("the Regulations") 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 non-warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force were engaged with elements of the Australian, New Zealand and United Kingdom (ANZUK) Forces; Australian Army Rifle Company (Butterworth); Five Power Defence Arrangement; and Australian Army Survey Operations in South East Asia during the following periods to be a *declared operation* for the purpose of the Regulations:
  - (i) Defence Force activities on land in Malaysia during the period that commenced on 14 February 1975 and ended on 31 December 1989;
  - (ii) Defence Force activities on land in Singapore during the period that commenced on 14 February 1975 and ended on 30 April 1975;
  - (iii) Participation by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the ANZUK Forces that commenced on 14 February 1975 and ended on 30 April 1975;
  - (iv) Defence Force activities with Operation GADANG 5 on Sumatra that commenced on 6 May 1975 and ended on 22 August 1975; and
- (c) **determine**, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'SE ASIA' ("the Medal") for the *declared 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 *declared* operation for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;
- (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in aggregate to 30 days, as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force to the *declared 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 and who completed 30 operational sorties within the duration of the *declared operation*, where those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day;
- (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force 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 the *declared operation*;
- (v) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *declared operation* for a period of 30 days or more, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or more, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(1)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal with Clasp 'SE ASIA'; or
- (vi) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iii), (c)(iv) or (c)(v) of this Instrument may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or delegate 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.

- **(d) determine,** for the purposes of this determination, that a person is not eligible for an award of the Medal where:
  - (i) a previous entitlement exists to the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'SE ASIA' due to service prior to and including 14 March 1975;
  - (ii) a separate award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp'SE ASIA' has been awarded; or
  - (iii) a separate award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'FESR' has been awarded.

Dated 2.

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Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

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Minister for Defence