

**COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA**

**AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS**

**DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 3**

**DETERMINATION UNDER SUBREGULATION 4(2)**

**I, WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel, hereby:

- (a) under Regulation 3 of the Australian Service Medal Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 13 September 1988, **declare** each special Australian Defence Force activity (being non-warlike operations) occurring on or after 14 February 1975 as is specified by the Chief of the Defence Force for the purposes of this declaration 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 each such operation are:
  - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period which is not less than the minimum qualifying period specified by the Chief of the Defence Force in relation to the operation;
  - (ii) the Medal shall be awarded with the clasp "SPECIAL OPS";
  - (iii) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraph (b)(i) may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or his delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying period described;
  - (iv) the Chief of the Defence Force or his delegate in exercising his discretion to deem under subparagraph (b)(iii) shall take into account whether service in relation to the operation:
    - (A) was terminated owing to the member's death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service; or

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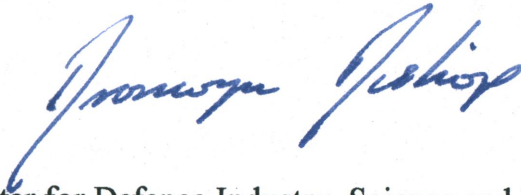
(B) was terminated due to Government or Defence Force reasons.

Dated 31<sup>st</sup> October 1997 <sup>(D)</sup>

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Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

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Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel