



Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Northern Iraq) Declaration 2001

I, WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet, make this Declaration under subregulation 3 (1) of the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations*.

Dated 26th June 2001

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

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1 Name of Declaration

This Declaration is the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (Northern Iraq) Declaration 2001*.

2 Definitions

(1) In this Declaration:

declared operation means the operation declared under section 3.

Regulations means the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations* set out in Schedule 1 to the Letters Patent dated 16 April 1999, given under the Great Seal of Australia, as amended from time to time.

specified hazardous area means the hazardous area specified in section 5.

specified organisation means an organisation specified in Schedule 1.

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a word that is used in this Declaration and in the Regulations has the same meaning in this Declaration as it has in the Regulations.

3 Declaration

The humanitarian operation known as the International Kurdish Relief Operation carried out in northern Iraq and southern Turkey during the period 1 February 1991 to 31 May 1995 (inclusive), which satisfies the conditions mentioned in paragraphs 3 (1) (a) and (b) of the Regulations, is a declared operation.

4 Name of operation

- (1) For the purposes of paragraph 3 (2) (a) of the Regulations, the name by which the declared operation is to be known is 'Northern Iraq'.
- (2) For the design of the clasp of the Medal, 'Northern Iraq' may be abbreviated to 'N. Iraq'.

5 Geographical extent of hazardous area

The geographical extent of the hazardous area of the declared operation is:

- (a) northern Iraq; and
- (b) areas in adjoining countries in which a specified organisation carried out humanitarian service as part of the declared operation.

6 Period of declared operation

The period during which the declared operation was carried out was 1 February 1991 to 31 May 1995 (inclusive).

7 Specification of organisations for eligible service

Humanitarian service with an organisation specified in Schedule 1 is eligible service.

8 Period of participation by specified organisations

- (1) The period within which a specified organisation participated in the declared operation is the period mentioned in Schedule 1 in relation to the organisation.
- (2) A period mentioned in Schedule 1 includes the days mentioned as the start and the end of the period.

9 Qualifying period of service

- (1) The qualifying period of humanitarian service required to be given by a member of a specified organisation to be eligible for an award of the Medal is 30 days.
- (2) The qualifying period of humanitarian service may be aggregated from several periods of service with 1 or more of the specified organisations.
- (3) If a person gave humanitarian service as a member of 2 or more specified organisations and a day of the service could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than 1 organisation, the day must be counted as 1 day of humanitarian service.

10 When inspection visits count as humanitarian service

- (1) A person's inspection visit counts as humanitarian service if the person made the visit:
 - (a) as a member of a specified organisation; and
 - (b) within the period specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the organisation.
- (2) If the person made the visit as a member of 2 or more specified organisations and a day of the visit could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than 1 organisation, the day must be counted as 1 day of humanitarian service.

11 Ineligibility for the award of the Medal

Eligible service does not include service of the following kinds:

- (a) service in relation to the International Kurdish Relief Operation in southern Turkey, by a person to whom the Iraq clasp of the Australian Service Medal may be awarded, that is service in a prescribed operation for the Australian Service Medal Regulations;
- (b) service as a locally-engaged member of the staff of a specified organisation (whether the person is in the specified hazardous area as a refugee or a resident);
- (c) service as a commercial contractor, or an employee of a commercial contractor, to a specified organisation.

Schedule 1 Specified organisations

(sections 2, 7, 8 and 10)

Item	Organisation	Period of participation
1	Australian civilian contingents to the United Nations organisations serving in the specified hazardous area in relation to the declared operation	20 May 1991 to 31 May 1995
2	CARE Australia	1 September 1991 to 31 May 1995
3	Australian Red Cross	1 February 1991 to 28 February 1992