



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS

I, **PETER JOHN HOLLINGWORTH**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Active 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) **declare**, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force who render service with the force known as Operation ‘Falconer’ – the Australian Defence Force contribution to the United States led military operations to remove the threat of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, that commenced on 18 March 2003 in the specified areas comprising of the following to be a *prescribed operation* for the purposes of the Regulations:
 - (i) 38 00N Latitude, 68 00E Longitude
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- (b) **determine**, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Active Service Medal with Clasp ‘IRAQ 2003’ (“the Medal”) for that *prescribed operation* are:
 - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered allotted service as such a member while posted as a member of the Australian element for duty to the *prescribed operation* for a *prescribed period*;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered allotted service as such a member for a *prescribed period* as part of the contribution of a foreign Defence Force on an approved third country deployment 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 allotted service as such a member and who completed a *prescribed number of sorties* within the duration of the *prescribed operation*;

- (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of the Australian element of the *prescribed operation* for a *prescribed period* and who, 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;
- (v) (A) in this paragraph "*prescribed period*" for the *prescribed operation* at subparagraph a(i) means:

- (1) in relation to subparagraphs b(i), b(ii) and b(iv) a period of not less than one day, and

PROVIDED THAT where a member does not complete the *prescribed period* required by subparagraphs (b)(i), (ii) or (iv) owing to his or her death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the member will be deemed to have completed that *prescribed period*.

- (vi) (A) in this paragraph "*prescribed number of sorties*" within the duration of the *prescribed operation* at subparagraph a(i) means:

- (1) in relation to subparagraph (b)(iii) one operational sortie from a unit force assigned to the *prescribed operation* and for which the member has been allotted,

- (c) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that a person is not eligible for an award of the Medal where an entitlement exists to an Australian Service Medal for the same posting or the same aggregate periods of service to the *prescribed operation*.

Dated

Thirteenth of April 2003


Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



ROBERT HILL
Minister for Defence