

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE DECORATIONS

DETERMINATION

I, WILLIAM GEORGE HAYDEN, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, having received the approval of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II for the designs of the Distinguished Service Decorations, and acting under regulations 10 and 11 of the Distinguished Service Decorations Regulations, determine as follows:

A. The Distinguished Service Cross

Medal design

1. The Distinguished Service Cross is a modified Maltese Cross of nickel-silver ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward in nickel-silver. Each axis of the Cross measures 41 millimetres. The obverse bears a central device of the Federation Star superimposed on a disc of flames. The reverse bears as the central device a horizontal panel 29 millimetres across and 8 millimetres high.

Medal ribbon

2. The Cross is suspended from a ribbon, 32 millimetres wide, having a vertical stripe 16 millimetres wide of ochre-red flanked by 2 silver-blue stripes each 8 millimetres wide.

Medal dress

3. The Cross is worn on the left breast whenever full size orders, decorations and medals are worn.

Medal Miniature

4. The miniature of the Distinguished Service Cross is a half-size replica of the Cross suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The miniature Cross is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn.

Further awards

5. Second and subsequent awards are recognised by the presentation of a nickel-silver bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high. The bar has a central replica of the Federation Star 6 millimetres in diameter superimposed on a horizontal row of flames 32 millimetres wide. The bar is attached to the ribbon of the original Cross, and a ribbon bar emblem in the form of a Federation Star of nickel-silver 9 millimetres in diameter is worn.

B. The Distinguished Service Medal

Medal design

6. The Distinguished Service Medal is a circular medal 38 millimetres in diameter of silver-nickel ensigned with the Crown of Saint Edward in nickel-silver. The obverse bears a Federation Star superimposed on a circle of flames. The reverse bears a horizontal panel 28 millimetres across and 8 millimetres high superimposed over a design of fluted rays of varying lengths.

Medal ribbon

7. The Medal is suspended from a ribbon, 32 millimetres wide of alternating vertical stripes of equal width, 4 of silver-blue and 3 of ochre-red.

Medal dress

8. The Medal is worn on the left breast whenever full size orders, decorations and medals are worn.

Medal Miniature

9. The miniature of the Distinguished Service Medal is a half-size replica of the Medal suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The miniature Medal is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn.

Further awards

10. Second and subsequent awards are recognised by the presentation of a nickel-silver bar 35 millimetres wide and 6 millimetres high, with a superimposed central replica of the Federation Star 6 millimetres in diameter on a horizontal row of flames 24 millimetres wide. The bar is attached to the ribbon of the original Medal, and a ribbon bar emblem in the form of a Federation Star on a disc of nickel-silver 9 millimetres in diameter is worn.

C. The Commendation for Distinguished Service

Insignia design

11. The insignia of the Commendation for Distinguished Service is a central Federation Star 7 millimetres high on a nickel-silver row of flames 22 millimetres long tapering to a height of 3 millimetres at each end.

Commendation ribbon

12. The Commendation for Distinguished Service is attached to an ochre-red ribbon 32 millimetres wide and 90 millimetres long. The centre of the Federation Star is 19 millimetres from the bottom of the ribbon and 16 millimetres from either edge.

Insignia dress

13. The insignia of the Commendation for Distinguished Service is worn on the left breast whenever full size orders, decorations and medals are worn.

Insignia Miniature

14. The miniature of the Commendation for Distinguished Service is a half-size replica of the Commendation suspended from a miniature ribbon 16 millimetres wide. The miniature Commendation is worn whenever miniatures of orders, decorations and medals are worn.

Further awards

15. Second and subsequent awards of the Commendation for Distinguished Service are made by Warrant describing the separate action being recognised.

D. Order of Precedence

16. The Distinguished Service Cross, the Distinguished Service Medal and the Commendation for Distinguished Service are worn in accordance with the Australian Order of Precedence of Honours and Awards as approved from time to time by The Sovereign.

Dated

25th October

1991.

Bill Hayden

Governor-General