1 December 1997

It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved certain conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 with Clasp 'Japan', the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'Guatemala', and the Africa Star, as detailed in the following Determinations:

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL REGULATIONS 1945-1975

DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 3

DETERMINATION UNDER SUBREGULATION 4(2)


(a) revoke the Declaration and Determination made on 2 June 1996 under Regulation 3 and Subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Regulations set out in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 22 February 1995;

(b) declare under Regulation 3 of those Regulations the Australian Defence Force activities with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan including the waters off Japan to a distance of 161 kilometres seaward from the coast during the period that commenced on 3 September 1945 and ended on 28 April 1952 to be a declared operation for the purposes of those Regulations; and

(c) under subregulation 4(2) of those Regulations, determine that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 with Clasp 'Japan' for that declared operation are:

(i) 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 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 the 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 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 while assigned for duty with the military contribution in the declared operation;

(iv) the Medal may be awarded to civilian employees of the Department of Defence, civilian contractors of the Department of Defence, accredited members of the Australian Red Cross, accredited members of the Australian Salvation Army, and members of the Australian Merchant Navy, attached in an official capacity for full time duty with the Australian military contribution in the declared operation for a period of 30 days, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days;

(v) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iii), or (c)(iv) 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 periods described; and

(vi) the Chief of the Defence Force or his delegate in exercising his discretion to deem under subparagraph (c)(v) shall take into account whether service in relation to the declared operation:

(A) was terminated owing to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service, of a member as described above;
(B) was terminated due to Government or Defence Force reasons; or

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

Dated 15 November 1997

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel