

COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-75 REGULATIONS

I, QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Regulations contained in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 22 February 1995, ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence, hereby:

- (a) revoke the Declaration and Determination made on 23 March 2001 under regulation 3 and regulation 4 respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) declare, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, the following non-warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force are or were engaged in Thailand to be a *declared operation* for the purposes of the Regulations:
 - (i) at the Royal Thai Air Force Base at Ubon during the period that commenced on 1 May 1962 and ended on 30 May 1962 and commenced on 28 July 1962 and ended on 24 June 1965;
 - (ii) with the 2 Field Troop Royal Australian Engineers at Ban Kok Talat in Operation CROWN during the period that commenced on 1 May 1962 and ended on 24 June 1965; and
- (c) determine, under regulation 4 of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Clasp 'THAILAND' ("the Medal") for the *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 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 and who completed 30 operational sorties within the duration of the *declared operation*, where those sorties were conducted over a period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day;
- (iv) 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 with the military contribution in the *declared operation*;
- (v) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part the Australian element of the *declared operation* for a period of 30 days or more, or for periods amounting in the aggregate to 30 days or more, and who, in accordance with a determination made by the Minister under paragraph 4(1)(b) of the Regulations, is in a class of persons who may be awarded the Medal; or
- (vi) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs
 (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iii), (c)(iv) or (c)(v) of this Instrument may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying periods described if service in relation to the *declared operation*, was terminated due to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service.

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By Her Excellency's Command

DAVID FEENEY

Parliamentary Secretary for Defence For the Minister for Defence