



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

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

I, **WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Regulations contained in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 22 February 1995, ("the Regulations") on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, hereby:

- (a) revoke the Declaration and Determination made on 2 June 1996 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) declare under regulation 3 of the Regulations that the following non-warlike operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force were engaged in the Middle East to be a *declared operation* for the purposes of the Regulations:
 - (i) United Nations Truce Supervision Organisation during the period that commenced on 11 June 1948 and ended on 13 February 1975;
 - (ii) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force during the period that commenced on 3 June 1974 and ended on 13 February 1975;
 - (iii) Second United Nations Emergency Force during the period that commenced on 25 October 1973 and ended on 13 February 1975;
 - (iv) United Nations Observer Group in Lebanon during the period that commenced on 11 July 1958 and ended on 9 December 1958;
 - (v) United Nations Yemen Observations Mission during the period that commenced on 4 July 1963 and ended on 4 September 1964;
 - (vi) Number 78 Fighter Wing Royal Australian Air Force in Malta during the period that commenced on 9 July 1952 and ended on 1 December 1954; and

- (c) **determine**, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 with Clasp 'MIDDLE EAST' ("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 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 with the military contribution in the *declared operation*;
 - (iv) the Medal may be awarded to a person who rendered service as part of 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

- (v) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (c)(i), (c)(ii), (c)(iii) or (c)(iv) 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.

Dated  23rd March 2001

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command


PETER REITH
Minister for Defence