

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 1945-75 Regulations contained in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 22 February 1995 ("the Regulations"), on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, hereby:

- (a) declare under regulation 3 of the Regulations, each special Australian Defence Force activity (being non-warlike operations) occurring on or after 3 September 1945 and ending on or before 13 February 1975 as is specified by the Chief of the Defence Force for the purposes of this declaration, to be a *prescribed operation* for the purposes of those Regulations;
- (b) determine under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for the award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'SPECIAL OPS' ("the Medal") in respect of each such operation are:
 - the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member for a period which is not less than the minimum qualifying period specified by the Chief of the Defence Force in relation to the operation;
 - (ii) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraph (b)(i) 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 *prescribed operation* was terminated due to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service.

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- (c) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that a person is not eligible for an award of the Medal for service:
 - (i) during the same period in which that member renders service attracting a separate award of the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-75 or Australian Service Medal 1945-75; or
 - (ii) where a separate award of the Australian Service Medal with Clasp 'SPECIAL OPS' has been awarded.

Dated 23 · Mark 2001 1 112

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

PETER REITH Minister for Defence