

**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 Letters Patent dated 22 February 1995 ("the Regulations"), and on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence hereby:

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 23 March 2001 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) 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 were engaged to be a *declared operation* for the purposes of the Regulations:
 - (i) participation in naval and military activities in the Netherlands Indies, Portuguese Timor, Sarawak, Brunei, British Borneo, Philippine Islands, Solomon Islands, Nauru and Ocean Islands, Morotai Island, Labuan Island, Thailand, Burma, Malaya and Singapore, and including all islands and waters forming part of those territories during the period that commenced on 3 September 1945 and ended on 24 November 1946;
 - (ii) participation in Royal Australian Air Force military activities on Morotai Island during the period that commenced on 25 November 1946 and ended on 10 July 1948;
 - (iii) participation in Royal Australian Air Force military activities on Cocos Island with Number 2 Airfield Construction Squadron during the period that commenced on 18 November 1951 and ended on 24 January 1954;
 - (iv) participation in Royal Australian Air Force military activities on Bathurst Island, Champagne Island, Sir Graham Moore Island with the Long Range Navigation Stations during the period that commenced on 3 September 1945 and ended on 24 November 1946;

- (v) participation in minesweeping service afloat by ships of the Royal Australian Navy commissioned for mine-countermeasure duties where the following qualifications are met:
 - (A) in waters off the China coast and waters of the south west Pacific during the period that commenced on 3 September 1945 and ended on 30 December 1946;
 - (B) in all Australian waters during the period that commenced on 3 September 1945 and ended on 16 August 1948;
 - (C) in waters off the Netherlands Indies during the period that commenced on 25 November 1946 and ended on 30 December 1946;
 - (D) in waters off the Solomon Islands during the period that commenced on 25 November 1946 and ended on 16 August 1948;
- (vi) participation in bomb and mine clearance activities involving the actual excavation, removal, or final disposal of unexploded bombs, the disarming of live mines inside the perimeter fencing of live minefields, or acting as a water jet operator where the following qualifications are met:
 - (A) on the Queensland Coast of Australia during the period that commenced on 3 September 1945 and ended on 31 May 1950;
 - (B) on the Solomon Islands during the period that commenced on 25 November 1946 and ended on 10 November 1956;
- (vii) participation in War Grave Unit activities that commenced on 25 November 1946 and ended on 20 September 1947 in the areas of Borneo, Labuan Island and Ambon; and
- (c) **determine**, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-75 with Clasp 'SW PACIFIC' ("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 operations*, 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 while assigned for duty with the military contribution in the *declared operation*;
- (v) 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
- (vi) the qualifying periods 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.

- (d) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that a person is not eligible for the award of the Medal if, as a result of rendering minesweeping or bomb and mine clearance service as part of the activities described in subparagraphs (b)(i), (b)(ii), (b)(v) or (b)(vi) was awarded the Naval General Service Medal 1915-1962 or the General Service Medal 1918-1962 with any of the following Clasps:
- (i) 'MINESWEEPING 1945-51';
 - (ii) 'BOMB-MINE CLEARANCE 1945-53';
 - (iii) 'BOMB AND MINE CLEARANCE 1945-49'; or
 - (iv) 'BOMB AND MINE CLEARANCE 1945-56'.

Dated 8th June 2001



Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command



PETER REITH
Minister for Defence