



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN OPERATIONAL SERVICE MEDAL REGULATION 2012

I, **QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the *Australian Operational Service Medal Regulation 2012* contained in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 22 May 2012 (“the Regulations”), on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence, **hereby**:

- (a) **declare**, under regulation 3 (1) of the Regulations, the following operations in which members of the Australian Defence Force are or were engaged in connection with Australian border protection activities, to be a *declared operation* for the purposes of the Regulations:
- (i) Operation CRANBERRY – that commenced on 1 August 1997 and ended on 16 July 2006;
 - (ii) Operation DIRK – that commenced on 1 September 1997 and ended on 31 October 1997;
 - (iii) Operation STANHOPE – that commenced on 3 February 1998 and ended on 6 March 1998;
 - (iv) Operation MISTRAL – that commenced on 1 August 1998 and ended on 30 June 2006;
 - (v) Operation TEEBONE – that commenced on 1 March 2001 and ended on 31 March 2001;
 - (vi) Operation CELESTA – that commenced on 1 August 2001 and ended on 31 July 2006;
 - (vii) Operation SUTTON – that commenced on 25 January 2002 and ended on 19 February 2002;
 - (viii) Operation GEMSBOK – that commenced on 29 August 2003 and ended on 3 October 2003;
 - (ix) Operation RELEX – that commenced on 3 September 2001 and ended on 13 March 2002;
 - (x) Operation RELEX II – that commenced on 14 March 2002 and ended on 16 July 2006;
 - (xi) Operation RESOLUTE – that commenced on 17 July 2006;

in the area defined by the seas and Australian land areas, superjacent airspaces, but not foreign areas encompassed within the coordinates:

15°00' North Latitude, 60°00' East Longitude
 15°00' North Latitude, 180°00' East Longitude
 60°00' South Latitude, 60°00' East Longitude
 60°00' South Latitude, 180°00' East Longitude;

(b) **declare**, under regulation 4 (1) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Operational Service Medal – Border Protection (“the Medal”) for that *declared operation* are that:

- (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who was deployed or force assigned for duty as such a member of the *declared operation* for a *period of not less than an aggregate of 30 days*;
- (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who was deployed or force assigned for duty as such a member of the *declared operation* and who *completed 30 sorties from a unit assigned to the declared operation, provided that those sorties were conducted over a period on not less than an aggregate of 30 days at a rate of one sortie per day with the duration of the declared operation*;

PROVIDED THAT the member is a person:

- (A) deployed at sea providing direct support to a *declared operation*;
- (B) deployed on land or in the air, dedicated to cuing support to a *declared operation*; or
- (C) deployed forward to exclusively support a *declared operation*;

AND PROVIDED THAT where a member does not complete the *prescribed period* or *prescribed number of sorties* for the award of the Medal required by subparagraphs b(i) or b(ii) owing to his or her death, evacuation due to illness, injury or other disability due to service, the member will be deemed to have completed that *prescribed period* or *prescribed number of sorties*;

(c) **declare**, for the purposes of this declaration, that a member is not eligible for an award of the Medal where an entitlement exists to another Australian medal for the same deployment;

- (d) **declare**, for the purposes of this declaration, that a member is not eligible for an award of the Medal where the member was part of:
- (i) Headquarters staff at Joint Operations Command;
 - (ii) Headquarters staff at Northern Command;
 - (iii) Headquarters staff at Military Strategic Commitments;
 - (iv) Headquarters staff at Regional Force Surveillance Unit;
 - (v) Australian Defence Force staff at Border Protection Command; or
 - (vi) Base maintainers and support personnel other than those described at paragraph (b).
- (e) **determine**, under regulation 12 of the Regulations, that the ribbon for the Medal is 32 millimetres wide and has a central ochre stripe, flanked by one blue stripe and one green stripe of equal width.

Dated *18 July* 2012

Quentin Bryce .
Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command

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Acting Minister for Defence