

KOREA MEDAL
and
United Nations Service Medal (Korea)

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19. GRANT OF THE KOREA MEDAL FOR SERVICE IN THE KOREA OPERATIONS.

1. Royal Approval has been given to the award of the Korea Medal for service in the operations in Korea. The Medal has been issued in general recognition of service by British Commonwealth Forces on behalf of the United Nations in repelling aggression in Korea.

2. Description.— The Medal bears on the obverse the Uncrowned Effigy of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, and on the reverse a representation of Hercules slaying the Hydra, with the word KOREA in the exergue.

The ribbon is of three yellow and two light blue vertical stripes arranged alternately.

3. Persons Eligible.—

(a) Members of the Australian Military Forces.

(b) Accredited representatives of approved philanthropic organisations attached to the forces on full time duty in uniform.

(c) Press Correspondents, officially accredited by the Australian Army for service with British Commonwealth Forces, who wore the approved uniform and were subject to military discipline.

4. Qualifying Conditions.—

(a) Members of the Australian Military Forces and accredited representatives of philanthropic organisations.—

(i) Service of one day or more on the posted strength of a unit or formation in Korea between 1 Jul 50 and 27 Jul 53, both dates inclusive. Visitors, although posted to the Australian Auxiliary Unit must complete the service shown in sub-para (ii) below;

(ii) Official visits, inspections, etc, on duty in Korea between 1 Jul 50 and 27 Jul 53 both dates inclusive, provided that they amount to thirty days either continuous or aggregated. *IF QUALIFYING ETC.*

MDI 19/1954 is amended as follows:—

(A) At the end of para 4(a)(ii) add new sentence —

"If qualifying service was being rendered on 27th July, 1953, the reduced period of service will be a qualification for the award."

when the applicants will be advised to whom the medal is to be issued. Applications should contain the following :-

- (i) Full name and address of applicant;
- (ii) Army number, rank, and full name of deceased;
- (iii) Relationship of applicant to deceased.

9. Personnel of the ANZ who have rendered qualifying service in the Royal Australian Navy, Royal Australian Air Force or other British Commonwealth Forces :-

- (a) Applications for the Korea Medal which require verification of previous service will be referred to CARO and not direct to the Service department of the country concerned.
- (b) CARO will arrange for the issue of the Korea Medal to all serving personnel of the ANZ, irrespective of the service (i.e., RAN, RAAF or other British Commonwealth Forces) in which the qualifying service was rendered.

10. Members of philanthropic organisations.- Applications for the medal by representatives of approved philanthropic organisations will be made to the Secretary at the headquarters of the organisation to which the individual belonged during the period of service in respect of which the claim is made. The Secretary should make such recommendation as is appropriate and forward the claim to CARO for verification and issue of the award.

11. Press Correspondents.- Applications for the Medal by Press Correspondents will be made to Central Army Records Office.

12. Mention in Despatches.- Where a member has been mentioned in despatches for service in the Korea operations the single bronze oak leaf Emblem will be worn on the ribbon of the Korea Medal.

13. This instruction replaces MDI 177/1951.

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