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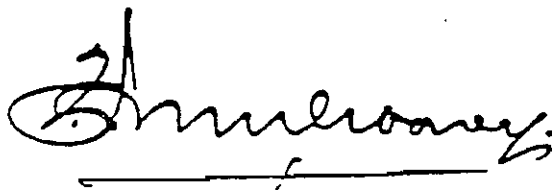
SECTION A — ADMINISTRATIVE

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MELBOURNE, S.C.1.

27th July, 1953.

The following Orders are hereby promulgated for information and guidance and necessary action.

By command of the Air Board,



Secretary.

A. 82.—The Korea Medal—Award for Service in the Korean Operations on or after 1st July, 1950

(55/1/2365 — 27th July, 1953)

1. The institution of a medal, to be known as "The Korea Medal", in recognition of service by British Commonwealth Forces on behalf of the United Nations in repelling aggression in Korea on or after 1st July, 1950, has been approved.

Design

2. The medal will be in cupro-nickel. The obverse side will bear the uncrowned effigy of Her Majesty the Queen, and the reverse side will bear a representation of Hercules slaying the Hydra, with the word (in capitals) "KOREA" in the exergue.

3. The ribbon is $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches wide and is yellow in colour, with two equal stripes of blue, the blue representing the colour of the United Nations flag.

Eligibility

4. Personnel eligible for the award of the medal are those who complete, on or after 1st July, 1950:—

(a) One operational sortie over Korea or Korean waters;

(b) Service of one day or more on land in Korea;

(c) Service of twenty-eight days either continuous or aggregated afloat in Korean waters;

- (d) Service of less than twenty-eight days which has been brought to an end by death or evacuation owing to wounds or other disability due to service, or for which a British honour, decoration or medal of the status of the British Empire Medal or above, or a Mention in Despatches, or a King's or Queen's Commendation, has been granted for gallantry on a specific occasion; or
- (e) Service of at least thirty days either continuous or aggregated on official visits, inspection, etc., on duty in Korea or in ships or craft afloat in Korean waters.

"Korean waters" in this context means those areas of the Yellow Sea and the Sea of Japan over which it has been necessary to operate in support of operations in Korea.

General Qualifying Conditions

5. Only air-crew members who are on the posted strength of operational squadrons actively engaged in immediate support of the operations in Korea may qualify for the award in accordance with paragraph 4 (a) of this order, provided they are detailed as crew members of the aircraft engaged in authorized operational flights over Korea or Korean waters. Members of aircrew or other personnel travelling as passengers in aircraft engaged in such flights may not qualify for the award under paragraph 4 (a) of this order.

6. Only members on the posted strength of units based in Japan and Korea, and which are actively engaged in immediate support of the operations in Korea, and who are required to proceed to Korea for specific duties in connection with the operations in Korea of not less than twenty-four hours duration, may qualify for the award in accordance with paragraph 4 (b) or 4 (c) of this order.

7. Personnel proceeding from elsewhere to units based in Japan and/or Korea on attachment or temporary duty, on official visits, inspections, etc., are required to complete thirty days aggregated service in Korea. Such duty must be properly authorised and promulgated by Air Force Head-quarters.

8. Service, as defined in paragraph 4 of this order, will continue to be a qualification for this award until a future date to be fixed.

9. Service on land in Japan, or on the way to Japan from anywhere outside Korea or Korean waters, will not be qualifying operational service for the award of the Korea Medal.

Mention in Despatches

10. When a Mention In Despatches has been granted for service in Korea, as defined in paragraph 4 of this order, the single bronze oak leaf emblem is to be worn on the ribbon of the Korea Medal.

Issue of Ribbon and Medals

11. The Commander-in-Chief, B.C.F.K., has been authorized to issue, provisionally, the ribbon of this award to eligible members of the R.A.A.F. at present serving under his command. All such awards are to be promulgated, provisionally, in unit personnel occurrence reports. The final authority for approving the grant of the award to R.A.A.F. personnel is the Air Board.

12. Eligible personnel, who were not granted approval as in paragraph 11 of this order, are to submit applications to their present commanding officers, for the grant of this award. Such applications are to be forwarded through the usual channels to Air Force Head-Quarters for determination of entitlement.

13. When the medals become available, action will be taken to issue the medal to those members whose provisional entitlement to the award has been confirmed by the Air Board.

Forfeiture and Restoration

14. The provisions of A.F.Os. 6/C/5 and 6/C/6 will apply regarding forfeiture and restoration of this award.

15. This order supersedes A.B.O. A. 22/52 which is hereby cancelled.

(A.B.O. A. 22/52 cancelled.)