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MINISTER FOR DEFENCE INDUSTRY, SCIENCE AND PERSONNEL

For information:

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOVERNMENT'S POLICY ON MILITARY SERVICE MEDALS



Purpose

1. To obtain your signature to a letter to the Governor-General requesting approval for a determination for the award of the Australian Service Medal (ASM) 1945-75 with clasp 'FESR' (Far East Strategic Reserve).

Background

2. On 2 Jun 96, the Governor-General signed eight Determinations under the instruments governing the ASM 1945-75. In furthering the Government's policy on service medals you have directed that this determination also be raised.

Consideration

3. It is necessary for you to seek approval from the Governor-General for the award of the ASM 1945-75 with clasp 'FESR' - to extend eligibility to ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Far East Strategic Reserve between 2 Jul 55 and 30 Oct 71 during such period as those ships were formally allocated or assigned to the Far East Strategic Reserve.

Consultation

4. The Assistant Secretary Legal Services and Navy Office have been consulted in the preparation of the Instrument of declaration and determination for the award of the ASM 1945-75 with clasp 'FESR'.

Recommendation

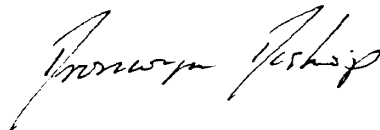
5. I recommend that you:
- a. **sign** the enclosed letter to the Governor-General; and
 - b. **sign** the enclosed Instrument of declaration and determination for the award of the ASM 1945-75 with clasp 'FESR'.



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Attachments:

- 1. Letter to the Governor-General
- 2. Instrument of declaration and determination for the award of the ASM 1945-75 with clasp 'FESR'



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His Excellency
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Your Excellency

The Australian Service Medal (ASM) 1945-75 was established in 1995 to recognise service by members of the Australian Defence Force and other persons in certain non-warlike military operations. The Medal Regulations empower you to declare a non-warlike operation to be a prescribed operation for the purpose of awarding the ASM 1945-75 and to determine the conditions for the award, on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel. The Regulations are currently being amended to enable warlike military operations to also be prescribed.

As part of the implementation of the Government's policy on service medals, eligibility for the ASM 1945-75 with clasp 'FESR' will be extended to ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Far East Strategic Reserve between 2 July 1955 and 30 October 1971 during such period as those ships were formally allocated or assigned to the Far East Strategic Reserve.

Accordingly, I submit for your consideration the Instrument of declaration and determination in respect of the award of the ASM 1945-75 with clasp 'FESR'.

Yours sincerely

BRONWYN BISHOP



23rd June, 1996

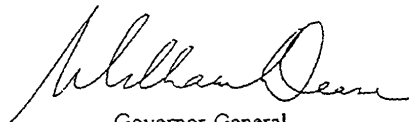
COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA
AUSTRALIAN SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975 REGULATIONS
DECLARATION UNDER REGULATION 3
DETERMINATION UNDER SUBREGULATION 4(2)

I, **WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting under the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 Regulations set out in the Schedule to the Letters Patent dated 22 February 1995, and on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel, hereby:

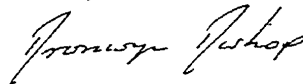
- (a) under Regulation 3 of those regulations declare the following activity to be a prescribed operation for the purposes of those Regulations, namely participation by ships of the Royal Australian Navy in the Far East Strategic Reserve between 2 July 1955 and 30 October 1971 during such periods as those ships were formally allocated or assigned to the Far East Strategic Reserve; and
- (b) under subregulation 4(2) of those Regulations, determine that the conditions for award of the Australian Service Medal 1945-1975 clasp 'FESR' for the prescribed 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 prescribed 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 prescribed 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 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 prescribed operation;

- (iv) the qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs (b)(i), (b)(ii) or (b)(iii) may be deemed by the Chief of the Defence Force or his delegate to have been established notwithstanding that the member has not met the qualifying period described;
- (v) the Chief of the Defence Force or his delegate in exercising his discretion to deem under subparagraph (b)(iv) shall take into account whether service in relation to the prescribed operation:
 - (A) was terminated owing to the death, evacuation due to illness or injury or other disability due to service, of a member as described above;
 - (B) was terminated due to Government or Defence Force reasons; or
 - (C) was terminated due to foreign Government or foreign Defence Force reasons.

Dated 26th June 1996


Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command


Minister for Defence Industry, Science and Personnel