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It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved certain amendments to conditions in the Instrument of declaration and determination for the award of the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975 with clasp 'VIETNAM'.

A COPY OF THE APPROVED AMENDMENTS TO THIS AWARD IS AVAILABLE ON THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL'S WEBSITE: www.gg.gov.au

Stephen Brady
Official Secretary to the Governor-General



COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

DECLARATION AND DETERMINATION UNDER THE AUSTRALIAN ACTIVE SERVICE MEDAL 1945-1975 REGULATIONS

I, **QUENTIN ALICE LOUISE BRYCE**, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, pursuant to the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975 Regulations set out in the Schedule to Letters Patent dated 11 December 1997 ("the Regulations"), and on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence hereby:

- (a) **revoke** the Declaration and Determination made on 20 February 2002 under regulation 3 and subregulation 4(2) respectively of the Regulations;
- (b) **declare**, under regulation 3 of the Regulations, Defence Force activities in the prescribed area of operations in South Vietnam during the period that commenced on 31 July 1962 and ended on 27 January 1973 to be a *prescribed operation*; and
- (c) **determine**, under subregulation 4(2) of the Regulations, that the conditions for award of the Australian Active Service Medal 1945-1975 with clasp 'VIETNAM' ("the Medal") in respect of that *prescribed operation* are that:
 - (i) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member while allotted and posted as a member of the Australian element to the *prescribed operation*;
 - (ii) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Australian Defence Force who rendered service as such a member allotted 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 and who completed one operational sortie within the duration of the *prescribed operation*;
 - (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 in connection with the military contribution in the *prescribed operation*;

- (v) the Medal may be awarded to a member of the Defence Force, qualified for the General Service Medal 1962 with clasp 'SOUTH VIETNAM' in accordance with the conditions for that award set out in a Royal Warrant dated 8 June 1968;
 - (vi) the Medal may be awarded to a person who, as a member of the Defence Force, qualified for the Vietnam Medal in accordance with the conditions for that award set out in a Royal Warrant dated 8 June 1968;
 - (vii) the Medal may be awarded to a person who, as a member of the Defence Force, qualified for the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal for service in the *prescribed area of operations* in South Vietnam, in accordance with the conditions for that award set out in subregulation 4(1) of the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal Regulations and Letters Patent dated 24 February 1993 as amended by Letters Patent dated 18 January 2013; and
 - (viii) the Medal may be awarded to a person 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 with clasp 'VIETNAM'; and
- (d) **determine**, for the purposes of this determination, that the *prescribed area of operations* in South Vietnam means:
- (i) all land and inland waters of the territory of Vietnam south of parallel 21 degrees 30 minutes north latitude;
 - (ii) all that area of land and waters (other than land and waters forming part of the territory of Cambodia and China) bounded by a line commencing at the intersection of the boundary between Cambodia and Vietnam with the shore of Vietnam at high-water mark; thence proceeding in a straight line to a point 185.2 kilometres west (true) of that intersection; thence proceeding along an imaginary line parallel to, and at a distance of 185.2 kilometres from the shore of Vietnam at high-water mark to its intersection with the parallel 21 degrees 30 minutes north latitude; and
 - (iii) the airspace above the area referred to in paragraphs (d)(i) and (d)(ii); and
 - (iv) service in any area not referred to in paragraphs (d)(i) and (d)(ii), or the airspace above any area not referred to in paragraphs (d)(i) and (d)(ii) is not qualifying service for the Medal.

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Governor-General

By Her Excellency's Command


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DAVID FEENEY
Parliamentary Secretary for Defence

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