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It is notified for general information that the Governor-General has approved certain conditions for the award of the Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal with Clasps 'SOMALIA', 'SOUTH VIETNAM', 'GREAT LAKES' and 'CAMBODIA', as detailed in the following Declarations:

Commonwealth of Australia

Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations

I, WILLIAM PATRICK DEANE, Governor-General of the Commonwealth of Australia, acting on the recommendation of the Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet and under subregulation 3(1) of the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations*, declare the following operations:

- (a) Somalia;
- (b) South Vietnam;
- (c) The Great Lakes Region of Africa (Rwanda and areas in adjoining countries);
and
- (d) Cambodia

Dated 7th July 1999

Governor-General

By His Excellency's Command

BILL HEFFERNAN
Parliamentary Secretary to Cabinet

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Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (South Vietnam) Declaration 1999¹

made under the

Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations

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Section 1

1 Name of declaration

This declaration is the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal (South Vietnam) Declaration 1999*.

2 Definitions

(1) In this declaration:

declared operation means the operation declared under section 3.

Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations means the Regulations set out in Schedule 1 to the Letters Patent dated 16 April 1999 given under the Great Seal of Australia, being the Regulations as amended from time to time.

Regulations means the *Humanitarian Overseas Service Medal Regulations*.

specified hazardous area means the hazardous area specified in section 5.

specified organisation means an organisation specified in Schedule 1.

(2) Unless the contrary intention appears, a word that is used in this declaration and in the Regulations has the same meaning in this declaration as it has in the Regulations.

3 Declaration

The humanitarian aid operation arising out of the war in South Vietnam from 29 May 1964 until 30 April 1975, being an operation that satisfies the conditions mentioned in paragraphs 3 (1) (a) and (b) of the Regulations, is a declared operation.

4 Name of operation

For the purposes of the Regulations, the name by which the declared operation is to be known is 'South Vietnam'.

Section 9

5 Geographical extent of hazardous area

The geographical extent of the hazardous area of the declared operation is South Vietnam (Republic of Vietnam), south of latitude 17°N, in which a specified organisation was carrying on humanitarian service in relation to the declared operation.

6 Period when declared operation occurred

The period within which the declared operation occurred is 29 May 1964 to 30 April 1975 (inclusive).

7 Eligible service with specified organisations

The organisations service with which is eligible service are the organisations specified in Schedule 1.

8 Period of participation by specified organisations

The period within which each specified organisation participated in the declared operation is as specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the organisation.

9 Qualifying period of service

- (1) The qualifying period of humanitarian service required to be given by a member of a specified organisation to be eligible for an award of the Medal is 30 days.
- (2) The qualifying period of humanitarian service may be aggregated from several periods of service with 1 or more of the specified organisations.
- (3) If a person gave humanitarian service as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the service could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than 1 organisation, the day must be counted as 1 day of humanitarian service.

Section 10

10 When inspection visits count as humanitarian service

- (1) A person's inspection visit is counted as humanitarian service if the person made the visit:
 - (a) as a member of a specified organisation; and
 - (b) within the period specified in Schedule 1 in relation to the specified organisation with which the person served.
- (2) If the person made the inspection visit as a member of 2 or more specified organisations, and a day of the visit could be counted as a day of humanitarian service for more than 1 of the organisations, the day must be counted as 1 day of humanitarian service.

11 Ineligibility for an award of the Medal

A person is not eligible for an award of the Medal if:

- (a) the person's qualifying service is qualifying service for any of the following awards:
 - (i) an award of the Australian Active Service Medal with clasp 'VIETNAM 1975' because of a determination under subregulation 4 (2) of the Australian Active Service Medal Regulations;
 - (ii) an award of the Australian Active Service Medal 1945 - 1975 with clasp 'VIETNAM' because of a determination under subregulation 4 (2) of the Australian Active Service Medal 1945 - 1975 Regulations;
 - (iii) an award of the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal under regulation 4 of the Vietnam Logistic and Support Medal Regulations;
 - (iv) an award of the Vietnam Medal under paragraph 4 of the Royal Warrant for the Vietnam Medal; or
- (b) the person (whether in the specified hazardous area as a refugee or resident) is a locally-engaged member of the staff of a specified organisation; or
- (c) the person is, or is an employee of, a commercial contractor to a specified organisation.

Schedule 1 Prescribed organisations

(sections 2, 7 and 8)

Item	Organisation	Period of participation
1	Project Concern Australia	29 May 1964 to 31 December 1968 (inclusive)
2	The organisation comprising Australian volunteers who worked at the Holy Family Hospital in Qui Nhon, South Vietnam	1 January 1969 to 29 April 1975 (inclusive)
3	World Vision Australia	1 June 1972 to 30 April 1975 (inclusive)

Note

1. Made by the Governor-General on *7th July* 1999.