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GRANT OF THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1962 FOR SERVICE IN SOUTH VIET NAM

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2. However, where a member has previously been awarded the General Service Medal 1962 in respect to service in another area, only the additional clasp "South Vietnam" is to be awarded.

Description

3. The medal is to be of silver and circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the Royal Effigy Crowned and on the reverse a Wreath surrounding the words "FOR CAMPAIGN SERVICE" surmounted by the Crown.

4. The medal ribbon to be worn is to be one and one quarter inches in width, purple in colour with green edges.

Persons Eligible

5. Members of the Australian Military Forces and members of the following Philanthropic Organizations who are accredited to the Australian Army and who qualify under the same conditions as army personnel and provided they wore uniform:

Australian Red Cross Society,

The Salvation Army,

The Young Men's Christian Association,

Campaigners for Christ.

Qualifying Conditions

6. The qualifying conditions for the award are:

a. Service of 30 days or more, not necessarily continuous, in South Vietnam between 24 Dec 62 (inclusive) and 28 May 64 (inclusive) whilst on the posted or attached strength of any unit or formation of Her Majesty's Forces in that theatre.

b. A member who is otherwise eligible but does not complete the qualifying period qualifies for the General Service Medal 1962 with clasp "South Vietnam" if he is awarded a British honour, decoration or medal for gallantry in operations during the period he does serve in the prescribed area. The status of the award must be that of the British Empire Medal or above or a Mention-in-Despatches or a Queen's Commendation.

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(1) death, or

(2) evacuation owing to wounds or other disability due to service,

the reduced period qualifies for the award.

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"Approval to wear the ribbon of the General Service Medal 1962, subject to verification by CARO".

b. This provisional authority is not an approval for the issue of the Medal.

Issue of Ribbon

8. A free initial issue of the ribbon is to be made, in accordance with the appropriate block scale, to all ranks authorized to wear it. The issue is to be recorded in the member's AAB 83. Indents are to be submitted through the normal channels.

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b. Units are to send to CARO, for confirmation, promulgation and issue of the medal and/or clasp, a nominal roll of serving members eligible to receive the award.

c. The format of the nominal roll is:

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AND/OR CLASP "SOUTH VIETNAM"

ARMY NO	RANK	NAME	INITIALS	TIME OF SERVICE SOUTH VIETNAM	REMARKS

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Number, rank, full name and the address to which the medal and/or clasp is to be sent.

e. Deceased members. General Service Medals 1962 and/or clasp "South Vietnam" earned by deceased members of the AMF are to be distributed in accordance with the War Services Estates Act 1942. Persons who consider that they are entitled to receive such an award should make application to CARO, stating:

(1) Full name and address of applicant.

(2) Army number, rank and full name of deceased.

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Headquarters
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10 Feb 67

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VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

Reference : Army Canberra A 93 of 062300Z Feb 67.

1. TITLE

The title adopted for this Medal is the "Vietnamese Campaign Medal".

2. QUALIFYING CONDITIONS

The qualifying conditions for the Vietnamese Campaign Medal are as follows :-

a. A member must have served in South Vietnam a minimum of 183 days either continuous or aggregate Special Service (as defined in MBI 216-1) from 31 Jul 62 inclusive.

b. Special Service in Vietnam of less than six months duration since 31 Jul 62 if,

(1) Killed on Active Service.

(2) Wounded in Action and evacuated.

(3) Captured and later released or escaped.

c. Other eligible persons for this medal are as follows : (ARO 89/66 para 5 refers).

(1) Australian Red Cross.

(2) The Salvation Army.

(3) The Young Men's Christian Association.

3. PROVISIONAL APPROVAL

Provisional approval to wear the ribbon may be given by unit COs. The method of recording is as follows : (ARO 89/66 para 7 refers).

a. An entry, signed by an officer, is to be made in the member's Regimental Record of Service (AAB 83) provided that members have rendered the required qualifying service. The entry to be made is as follows :-

"Approval to wear the ribbon of the Vietnamese Campaign Medal, subject to verification by CARO".

b. This provisional authority is not an approval for the issue of the medal.

4. WEARING OF THE CLUSTER

The wearing of the cluster is under consideration at Joint Service Level. When a decision on the wearing of the cluster is reached an ARO is to be issued by AHQ.

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5. MEMBERS EVACUATED WITH LESS THAN 183 DAYS QUALIFYING SERVICE

A particular problem arises in considering eligibility of members who are evacuated from the theatre with less than 183 days qualifying service. To be eligible members in this category must come within a definition of "Wounded in Action and Evacuated". AHQ have decided that this definition is to be interpreted as those members evacuated and described as Battle Casualties (BC) in AFV Noticas signals. AHQ are trying to obtain a more clear definition.

6. NOMINAL ROLLS

Nominal rolls as detailed in ARO 89/66 para 9 may be prepared by units but are not to be sent to CARO until notified by HQ Army Component Vietnam.

7. ARO 89/66

Any units which do not have a copy of ARO 89/66 are to advise this headquarters.

(D VINCENT)
Major General
Commander Army Component
Australian Force VIETNAM

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VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL

References: A. 1 ATF A96 of 5 Jul 66.

B. 1 ATF A695 of 4 Aug 66.

C. 1 ATF A832 of 9 Aug 66.

D. 1 ATF A1614 of 20 Sep 66.

E. 1 ATF RO I 65/66 of 9 Nov 66.

1. The last draft of members of this unit arrived in SOUTH VIETNAM and commenced Special Service VIETNAM (Southern Zone) on 11 Jun 66 and consequently on 11 Dec 66 completed the six months service which is the basic requirement for the Vietnamese Campaign Medal as laid down in References A and E above.

2. To date the unit has sustained ninety two Battle Casualties including twenty-two killed in action. Most of the wounded have been RTA as a direct result of their wounds.

3. In addition to medical evacuations the unit is also returning to AUSTRALIA increasing numbers of soldiers who are due for discharge or completion of tour of duty.

4. It is requested that approval be given for an appropriate entry to be made in the Honours, Decorations, Awards, Campaign Stars and Medals section of AABs 83 of members being processed for RTA after either six months service or as a result of KIA or WIA.

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Commanding Officer

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UNCLAS A9250 1 ATF A547 OF 29 JUL 66. MEDALS. IT IS REGRETTED THAT THIS HQ CAN SUPPLY NO MORE FIRM INFO ON ELEGIBILITY FOR VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL (VIETAMESE) OR THE PROPOSED GSM FOR EARLIER SERVICE IN THIS COUNTRY. DETAIL IS NOT YET AVAIL FROM AHQ. AS YET NO NOE IN VIETNAM HAS AN ENTITLIMENT TO WEAR EITHER OF THESE TWO MEDALS. WILL ADVISE

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YOURA 11492 of 18 Sep66 (NOT TO 5RAR) O
ARO 113/64 dated 31 Dec 64 O THE VIETNAM
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SOUTH VIETNAM

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THE VIETNAM MEDAL 1964 (AUSTRALIAN)
THE VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL (VIETNAMESE)

Reference: A. ARO 113/64 dated 31 Dec 64.

1. No reference can be found in MBIs, AROs, ect, of the unit responsibility for promulgation of the names of members entitled to wear campaign medals.

2. ARO 113/64 (Grant of General Service Medal 1962 for Service in Sabah, Sarawak and Burma), paragraph 11 states:

"Units are to sent to CARO, for confirmation, promulgation and issue of the medal, a nominal roll of serving members, provisionally authorised to wear the ribbon. The format of the nominal roll is:

CLAIM FOR AWARD OF GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1962
WITH CLASP BORNEO

ARMY No	RANK	NAME	INITIALS	TIME OF SERVICE BORNEO, BRUNE, SARAWAK

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3. As the compilation of these rolls is a major task it is requested that this unit be informed as soon as possible of the nominal roll as a requirement for the subject medals.

(J. A. Warr)
Lt Col
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DAA+QMG. Do you know anything about this sir. DCGS. 13/10.

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1. ~~Sig to AFV~~ Sig to AFV asking any further progress by Aust & requesting advice of adm procedure to be followed (eg similar to ARO 113/64 ?)

2. Reply to 5 RAR memo this folio referring to their sig at folio 25 and that ~~matter~~ Kastener once again is being sent.

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GSM with clasp South Vietnam ○ ARO will be published within a few weeks ○ Basically the qualifying condition for the award is service of thirty days or more not nec continuous between 24 Dec 62 and 28 May 64 both dates incl in SVN while on the posted str of any unit or fmn of her Majestys Forces in that theatre ○ Provision is also made for a member who does not serve thirty days being eligible if he received a British Honour Decoration or Medal for Gallantry in ops or a statns not less than a BEM MID or Queens Commendation or the member is killed or evac owing to wounds or othe disability due to svc ○ There is no bar to a member receiving both this medal and/or clasp and the Vietnam Medal provided he meets the qualifying condition for both awards ○ Members of Philanthropic Organisations who are accredited to the Aust Army will qualify under the same conditions as Army pers provided they were uniform ○ New Subject ○ Vietnamese Medal ○ There is still no further news as to the final conditions for qualification but AHQ expect these very shortly now

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THERE IS NO BAR TO A MEMBER RECEIVING BOTH THIS MEDAL AND/OR CLASP AND THE VIETNAM MEDAL PROVIDED HE MEETS THE QUALIFYING CONDITION FOR BOTH AWARDS. MEMBERS OF PHILANTHROPIC ORGANISATIONS WHO ARE ACCREDITED TO THE AUST ARMY WILL QUALIFY UNDER THE SAME CONDITIONS AS ARMY PERSONNEL PROVIDED THEY WORE UNIFOR. NEW SUBJECT. VIETNAMESE MEDAL. THERE IS STILL NO FURTHER NEWS AS TO THE FINAL CONDITIONS FOR QUALIFICATION BUT AHQ EXPECT THESE VERY SHORTLY NOW

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VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL O REQUEST CLARIFICATION OF CAMPAIGN MEDAL AWARDS TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED SIX MONTHS SERVICE CMA BUT RTD FOR MED OR PHS REASONS

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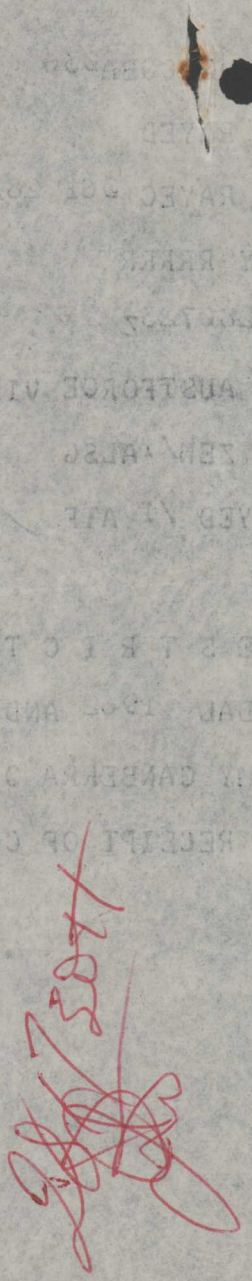
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YOUR A96 OF 0608302 Ø VIETNAMESE CAMPAIGN MEDAL Ø REQUEST CLARIFICATION ON AWARD OF MEDAL TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLETED SIX MONTHS ~~SAL~~ SERVICE BUT ARE RTA DUE TO WOUNDSCMM TROPICAL DISEASES ETC

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R E S T R I C T E D. A03137 YOUR A6212 OF 22MAY. THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1962 AND CLASP SOUTH VIETNAM. PLEASE ADVISE ON PROGRESS TOWARDS FINALIZING OF ELIGIBILITY OF MEMBERS FOR MEDAL

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MEDALS DECORATIONS . It is rumoured that a "FREE WORLD" Medal is to be issued to AUSTRALIAN troops serving in VIETNAM . Request this rumour be substantiated with details of requirements or else officially squashed

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The VIETNAM medal (.) ONE (.) Her Majesty has graciously approved the conditions set out below to give general recognition of service by Australian and New Zealand forces in repelling aggression in VIETNAM on and since 29 May 64 CMM in view of the exacting nature of the conditions in which duty there is being carried out (.) TWO (.) Approval has been given for the institution of a VIETNAM medal for service in operations in VIETNAM since 29 May 64 CMM inclusive CMM as described below (.) While present conditions last service will continue to be a qualification up to a future date to be fixed in due course (.) THREE (.) The medal will bear on the obverse the crowned effigy of Her Majesty CMM and will be in cupro-nickell (.) The design of the reverse is under consideration (.) FOUR (.) The medal ribbon will be yellow surmounted by three thin red vertical stripes in the centre flanked by red stripes of a deeper hue CMM with broad dark blue on the left and broad light blue on the right (.) This design incorporates the colours of the national flag of SOUTH VIETNAM and the colours traditionally symbolic of the three services (.) FIVE (.) The qualification in Army Forces will be service of one day or more posted or attached strength of a unit or formation in VIETNAM from 29 May 64 CMM inclusive (.) SIX (.) For official visits CMM inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature on duty by members of Australian Navy or Army or Air Force in VIETNAM CMM or in ships or craft engaged in operations off the Vietnamese coast the time qualification will be thirty days CMM either continuous or aggregated (.) SEVEN (.) When a mention in operations in VIETNAM the single bronze oak leaf emblem will be worn on the ribbon of the VIETNAM medal (.) EIGHT (.) Accredited members of approved Australian Philanthropic Organisations will qualify for the award if they have service of one day or more with forces engaged in the operations in VIETNAM from 29 May 64 CMM provided they wore the approved uniform (.) NINE (.) The ribbon may be issued to eligible personnel in advance of the design and production of the medal (.) TEN (.) Commanding officers may given provisional approval CMM based on unit records CMM for members to wear the ribbon (.) An entry CMM signed by an officer CMM is to be made in the members regimental record of service (AAB83) stating CMM QUOTE CMM approval to wear the ribbon of the VIETNAM medal subject to verification by CARO CMM UNQUOTE (.) ELEVEN (.) A free issue of five inches of the ribbon is to be made to those authorised to wear it (.) The issue is to be recorded in the members AAB83 (.) This provisional authority is not an approval for the issue of the medal (.) The general service medal 1962 and clasp SOUTH VIETNAM (.) Some aspects of eligibility for this mecal have yet to be determined (.) It is expected that finalisation should be reached within a month and immediate promulgation of the conditions for the award of this medal will follow

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VIETNAM MEDAL RIBBON (.) Limited stocks available shortly (.) Units with eligible personnel to indent on basis of two and a half inches per member as a temporary measure (.) Indents to be submitted urgently to ADOS E Comd (.) Ribbons are to be worn on march through SYDNEY (.) For 1 RAR Aust Component (.) Members of 1 RAR will be issued in VIETNAM (.) No indent action necessary except for those personnel now with Aust Component

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THE ISSUE IS TO BE RECORDED IN THE MEMBERS AAB 83 . THIS PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY IS NOT AN APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUE OF THE MEDAL. THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1962 AND CLASP SOUTH VIETNAM . SOME ASPECTS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS MEDAL HAVE YET TO BE DETIRMINED . IT IS EXPECTED THAT FINALIZATION FOR THIS MEDAL SHOULD BE REACHED WITHIN A MONTH AND IMMEDIATE PROMULAGATION OF THE CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THIS MEDAL WILL FOLLOW. ARMY CANBERRA A14953 OF 200515Z REFERS

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R E S T R I C T E D . A6212. THE VIETNAM MEDAL . ONE. HER MAJESTY HAS GRACIOUSLY APPROVED THE CONDITIONS SET OUT BELOW TO GIVE GENERAL RECOGNITION OF SERVICE BY AUSTRALIANS AND NEW ZEALAND FORCES IN REPELLING AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM ON AND SINCE 29 MAY 64 CMM IN VIEW OF THE EXACTING NATURE OF THE CONDITIONS IN WHICH DUTY THERE IS BEING CARRIED OUT. TWO. APPROVAL HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR INSTITUTION OF A VIETNAM MEDAL FOR SERVICE IN OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM SINCE 29 MAY 64 CMM INCLUSIVE CMM AS DESCRIBED BELOW. WHILE PRESENT CONDITIONS LAST SERVICE WILL CONTINUE TO BE A QUALIFICATION UP TO A FUTURE DATE TO BE FIXED IN DUE COURSE . THREE. THE MEDAL WILL BEAR ON THE OBVERSE THE CROWNED EFFIGY

OF HER MAJESTY CMM AND WILL BE IN CUPRO NICKEL. THE DESIGN ON THE REVERSE IS UNDER CONSIDERATION . FOUR THE MEDAL RIBBON WILL BE YELLOW SURMOUNTED BY THREE THIN RED VERTICAL STRIPES IN THE CENTRE AND FLANKED BY RED STRIPES OF DEEPER HUE CMM WITH BROAD DARK BLUE ON THE LEFT AND BROAD LIGHT BLUE ON THE RIGHT . THIS DESIGN INCORPORATES THE COLOURS OF THE NATIONAL FLAG OF SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE COLOURS TRADITIONALLY SYMBOLIC OF THE THREE SERVICES . FIVE. THE QUALIFICATION IN THE ARMY FORCES WILL BE SERVICE OF ONE DAY OR MORE ON THE POSTED OR ATTACHED STRENGTH OF A UNIT OR FORMATION IN VIETNAM FROM 29 MAY 64 CMM INCLUSIVE . SIX. FOR OFFICIAL VISITS CMM INSPECTIONS OR OTHER OCCURRENCES OF A TEMPORY NATURE ON DUTY BY MEMBERS OF AUSTRALIAN NAVY OR ARMY OR AIR FORCE IN VIETNAM CMM OR IN SHIPS ENGAGED ON OPERATIONS OFF THE VIETNAMESE COAST THE TIME OF QUALIFICATION WILL BE THIRTY DAYS CMM EITHER CONTINUOUS OR AGGREGATED. SEVEN. WHEN A MENTION ON OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM THE SINGLE BRONZE OAK EMBLEM WILL BE WORN ON THE RIBBON OF THE VIETNAM MEDAL . EIGHT.ACCREDITED MEMBERS OF PHILANTHROPIC ORGANIZATIONS WILL QUALIFY FOR THE AWARD IF THEY HAVE SERVICE OF ONE DAY OR MORE WITH FORCES ENGAGED IN THE OPERATIONS IN VIETNAM FROM 29 MAY 64 CMM PROVIDED THEY WORE THE APPROVED UNIFORM . NINE. THE RIBBON MAY BE ISSUED TO ELIGIBLE PERSONNEL IN ADVANCE OF THE DESIGN AND PRODUCTION OF THE MEDAL . TEN. COMMAND ING OFFICERS

MAY GIVE PROVISIONAL APPROVAL BASED ON UNIT RECORDS CMM FOR MEMBERS TO WEAR THE RIBBON . AN ENTRY CMM SIGNED BY AN OFFICER CMM IS TO BE MADE IN THE MEMBERS REGIMENTAL RECORD OF SERVICE(AAB83) STATING QUOTE CMM APPROVAL TO WEAR THE RIBBON OF THE VIETNAM MEDAL SUBJECT TO VERIFICATION BY CARO CMM UNQUOTE. ELEVEN . A FREE ISSUE OF FIVE INCHES OF THE RIBBON IS TO BE MADE TO THOSE AUTHORIZED TO WEAR IT . THE ISSUE IS TO BE RECORDED IN THE MEMBERS AAB 83 . THIS PROVISIONAL AUTHORITY IS NOT AN APPROVAL FOR THE ISSUE OF THE MEDAL. THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1962 AND CLASP SOUTH VIETNAM . SOME ASPECTS OF ELIGIBILITY FOR THIS MEDAL HAVE YET TO BE DETIRMINED . IT IS EXPECTED THAT FINALIZATION FOR THIS MEDAL SHOULD BE REACHED WITHIN A MONTH AND IMMEDIATE PROMULAGATION OF THE CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THIS MEDAL WILL FOLLOW. ARMY CANBERRA A14953 OF 2ØØ515Z REFERS

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