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**COMMITTEE ON THE GRANT OF
HONOURS DECORATIONS AND MEDALS**

**TERMS OF AWARD OF
THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1962**

**FOR
OPERATIONAL SERVICE IN SABAH,
SARAWAK AND BRUNEI**

from December, 1962

*Presented to Parliament by the Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury
by Command of Her Majesty
September 1964*

**LONDON
HER MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE**

THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1962

OPERATIONAL SERVICE IN SABAH, SARAWAK AND BRUNEI FROM 24th DECEMBER, 1962

1. (i) The Committee on the grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals have had under consideration the need for the general recognition of service in Sabah (previously North Borneo), Sarawak and Brunei from 24th December, 1962, inclusive, to a future date to be decided in due course, with special regard to the hardships and dangers which have accompanied this service.
 - (ii) Their recommendations have been duly submitted to The Queen, who has been advised by the Prime Minister on matters likely to give rise to difference of opinion. Her Majesty has now graciously approved the recommendations set out below.
2. Approval has been given for the award for service on the posted or attached strength of a unit or formation of H.M. Forces against rebels in Sabah, Sarawak and Brunei from 24th December, 1962, inclusive, to a future date to be decided in due course, of the General Service Medal, 1962, instituted recently, with the Clasp "Borneo", the award being granted subject to the conditions set out below.

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

3. The qualifications in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines will be:
 - (i) For service afloat thirty days in the aggregate from 24th December, 1962, inclusive, to a future date to be decided in due course, in ships or craft operating on the rivers or inland waters of Sabah, Sarawak or Brunei, or operating off the coast in support of the forces ashore and upriver; or
 - (ii) Service of thirty days or more ashore, on the posted or attached strength of a unit or formation which took part in the operations in Sabah, Sarawak or Brunei from 24th December, 1962, inclusive, to a future date to be decided in due course; or
 - (iii) One sortie or more into these territories, during this period, by aircrew of an aircraft, in direct support of the operations.

Royal New Zealand Navy

- 3(a) The qualifications in the Royal New Zealand Navy will be those laid down in para 3 above for the Royal Navy and the Royal Marines.

Army

4. The qualification in the Army will be service of thirty days or more, not necessarily continuous, in the operations in Sabah, Sarawak or Brunei between 24th

December, 1962, inclusive, and a further date to be decided in due course, while on the posted or attached strength of any unit or formation of H.M. Forces in those theatres.

New Zealand Army

- 4(a) The qualifications in the New Zealand Army will be those laid down in para 4 above for the Army.
[(NB) Above Amdt approved by HM the Queen]

Australian Army

Five officers of the Australian Army will qualify under the above condition.

Royal Air Force

5. The qualifications in the Royal Air Force will be:
- (i) Service of thirty days or more, not necessarily continuous, in Sabah, Sarawak or Brunei, between 24th December 1962, inclusive, and a future date to be decided in due course, while on the posted or attached strength of any unit or formation of H.M. Forces in those territories; or
 - (ii) One sortie or more into Sabah, Sarawak or Brunei by aircrew personnel in direct support of the operations in those territories between 24th December, 1962, inclusive, and a future date to be decided in due course.

Royal New Zealand Air Force

- 5(a) The qualifications in the Royal New Zealand Air Force will be those laid down in para 5 above for the Royal Air Force.

Civilian Categories

6. Members of the following organisation who served in the operational area will be eligible under the same rules as for the Royal Navy.

Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service

Members of the following organisations who served with the Army in the operational area will be eligible under the same rules as for the Army, provided they wore the approved uniform of the organisation.

Army Fire Service
Women's Voluntary Service

Members of the following organisation who served with the Royal Air Force in the operational area will be eligible under the same rules as for the Royal Air Force provided they wore Royal Air Force uniform.

Civilians of the Meteorological Office holding
Royal Air Force Class "CC" Commissions

General

7. (i) Short service

- (a) The grant to persons described in paragraphs 3 to 6 above for gallantry in operations on a specific occasions during the uncompleted qualifying period not amounting to thirty days of a British Honour, Decoration or Medal of the status of the British Empire Medal or above, or a Mention-in-Despatches, or a Queen's Commendation, will qualify the recipient for the General Service Medal, 1962 and Clasp.
- (b) If qualifying service described in paragraph 3 to 6 above is brought to an end before the completion of thirty days on account of death or evacuation owing to wounds or other disability due to service the reduced period of service will be sufficient qualification for the award.

(ii) Awards

The award of the General Service Medal, 1962 and Clasp "Borneo", will be made as soon as possible to those who have qualified. The ribbon will be issued shortly. The manufacture and issue of the Medals and Clasps will be undertaken as soon as possible.

AMENDMENTS

- No. 1. Aug 65. CRO advised that Her Majesty the Queen has now approved the award of the Medal, with clasp "Borneo" to certain personnel of the New Zealand Armed Forces, and that such awards may be authorised by the New Zealand Naval, Army and Air Board respectively.
- No. 2. Sep 65 CRO advised that Her Majesty the Queen has now approved the award of the Medal, with clasp "Borneo", to crews of Landing Ships Tanks and this paper amended accordingly.

ROYAL WARRANT

THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL, 1962.

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom all these Presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS WE are desirous of instituting a new medal to succeed the Naval General Service Medal instituted by our Royal Grand Parent King George V on the 10th day of August, 1915, and the General Service Medal (Army and Royal Air Force) instituted by our Royal Grand Parent King George V on the 30th day of December, 1918, we do hereby ordain that:-

- Firstly:* A new medal shall be instituted and shall be styled and designated "The General Service Medal, 1962."
- Secondly:* The medal shall be of silver and circular in shape, bearing on the obverse Our Royal Effigy Crowned and on the reverse a Wreath surrounding the Words: "FOR CAMPAIGN SERVICE" surmounted by the Crown.
- Thirdly:* The medal shall be suspended on the left breast by a ribbon one inch and a quarter in width, purple in colour with green edges.
- Fourthly:* The medal shall be awarded to commemorate such campaign service subsequent to the 23rd day of December, 1962, as We, from time to time, may be pleased to determine.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this Fifteenth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and sixty four in the thirteenth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

HUGH FRASER