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

**TERMS OF AWARD OF
THE
NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL**

**AND
THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL
(ARMY AND ROYAL AIR FORCE)**

**FOR
OPERATIONAL SERVICE IN BRUNEI**

in December, 1962

*Presented to Parliament by the Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury
by Command of Her Majesty
July 1963*

**LONDON
HER MAJESTY'S STATIONERY OFFICE**

THE NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

THE GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL (ARMY AND ROYAL AIR FORCE)

SERVICE IN THE BRUNEI OPERATIONS BETWEEN 8TH AND 23RD 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 the Brunei Operation between 8th and 23rd December, 1962 with special regard to the hardships and dangers which have accompanied this service. They have also considered the question of recognition of specified operational service in the area in the future should resistance to rebels again become necessary.
 - (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 against rebels in the State of Brunei, or in North Borneo or Sarawak between 8th and 23rd December, 1962, both dates inclusive, of the two current General Service Medals, with the Clasp "Brunei", the awards being granted subject to the conditions set out below. For specified service in the Royal Marines the Naval General Service Medal, instituted in 1915, will be awarded. For specified service in the Army or Royal Air Force, the General Service Medal (Army and Royal Air Force), instituted in 1918, will be granted.

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

3. The qualification in the Royal Navy and Royal Marines will be:
 - (i) Service of one day or more, on the posted or attached strength of a unit or formation which took part in the operations in the State of Brunei or in North Borneo or Sarawak between 8th and 23rd December, 1962, both dates inclusive, qualifying service being restricted to service ashore or on ships operating on the rivers in Brunei, North Borneo and Sarawak, or
 - (ii) One sortie or more into the territories, during this period, by aircrew of the helicopters from H.M.S. Albion, in direct support of the operations.

Army

4. The qualification in the Army will be service of one day or more, on the posted or attached strength of any unit or formation which took part in the operations in the State of Brunei or in North Borneo or Sarawak, between 8th and 23rd December, 1962, both dates inclusive.

Royal Air Force

5. The qualifications in the Royal Air Force will be:
 - (i) Service of one day or more, on the posted or attached strength of any unit or formation which took part in the operations in the State of Brunei or in North Borneo or Sarawak, between 8th and 23rd December, 1962, both dates inclusive, qualifying service on land being restricted to service in the defined operational area, or
 - (ii) One sortie or more into these territories, during this period, by aircrew of No. 48 Squadron based in Singapore.

Civilian Categories

6. Members of the following organisation 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.

Women's Voluntary Service

Awards

7. The award of the Naval General Service Medal, or the General Service Medal (Army and Royal Air Force) as the case may be, and Clasp "Brunei", will be made as soon as possible to those who have qualified. The ribbon will be issued shortly. Those who qualify and have already been awarded the Medal will be granted the Clasp only. The manufacture and issue of the Medals and Clasps will be undertaken as soon as possible.

SERVICE AFTER 23RD DECEMBER, 1962

8. In relation to service against rebels in the State of Brunei, or in North Borneo or Sarawak after 23rd December, 1962, approval has been given for the following arrangement. Should operations become necessary in the area after 23rd December, 1962, in resistance to rebels, the provided that approval has been given to a recommendation by the Committee for the treatment of any such operations in a specified area between specified dates as meriting the grant of a general award, subject to a specified dates as Clasps "Brunei", will be made. It is the intention that consideration should only be given to service in operations in active resistance to rebels, where participation in a particular operation in any instance has warranted the award. While present conditions last, service will continue to be subject to consideration in this way up to a further date to be fixed in due course.