



THE NEW ZEALAND SERVICE MEDAL 1946-1949

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ROYAL WARRANT

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God Queen of New Zealand and Her Other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING!

WHEREAS We are desirous of instituting a medal to award to those persons who, in their capacity as—

- (a) Members of the New Zealand Armed Forces; or
- (b) Members of the New Zealand Merchant Navy; or
- (c) Members of the crew of aircraft operated by a civil airline incorporated in New Zealand,—

served with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan in the period beginning on the 23rd day of March 1946 and ending with the 31st day of March 1949:

WE do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Medal.

1. Style—The Medal shall be designated and styled “The New Zealand Service Medal 1946-1949”.

2. Description—The Medal shall be circular in shape, bearing on the obverse the New Zealand Coat of Arms, and on the reverse the inscription “FOR SERVICE TO NEW ZEALAND 1946-1949”, with a representation of a fern frond below.

3. Ribbon—The Medal shall be worn from the left breast suspended from a ribbon, 32 millimetres in width, of white having in the centre a narrow red stripe and at the edges narrow stripes of black.

4. Eligibility—(1) The Medal shall be awarded to those persons who, in their capacity as—

- (a) Members of the New Zealand Armed Forces; or
- (b) Members of the New Zealand Merchant Navy; or
- (c) Members of the crew of aircraft operated by a civil airline incorporated in New Zealand,—

served with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan in the period beginning on the 23rd day of March 1946 and ending with the 31st day of March 1949.

(2) Where a person of the kind described in subclause (1) of this clause has died, the Medal may be issued to the lawful next of kin of that person.

5. Qualifying service—(1) Subject to subclauses (2) to (6) of this clause, the qualifying service required for the award of the Medal shall—

- (a) In the case of service in the New Zealand Armed Forces, be 28 days' full-time service in Japan or 28 days' part-time service in Japan or an aggregate of 28 days' service in Japan; or
- (b) In the case of service in the New Zealand Merchant Navy, be an aggregate of at least 28 days' service within the territorial limits of Japan; or
- (c) In the case of service as a member of the crew of an aircraft operated by a civil airline incorporated in New Zealand, be an aggregate of at least 28 days' service (being service involving not less than 48 flying hours rendered within the territorial limits of Japan).

(2) Service brought to an end—

- (a) By death; or
- (b) By wounds or injuries sustained; or
- (c) By an honourable discharge granted as a direct result of wounds or injuries sustained,—

shall qualify for the award of the Medal even though the service may not amount to 28 days.

(3) Full-time or part-time uniformed civilians who served as members of the New Zealand Armed Forces shall qualify in the same way as full-time or part-time members of such Forces.

“(4) “Part-time service” is service rendered by a member of the New Zealand Armed Forces who was not fully mobilised but was liable to render service by the performance, from time to time, of short periods of training or other duties and did in fact carry out such duties.

(5) Qualifying service in different sections of the New Zealand Armed Forces or the New Zealand Merchant Navy, or as a member of the crew of an aircraft operated by a civil airline incorporated in New Zealand, may be aggregated for the purpose of determining the qualifying service of an individual, whether under paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) or paragraph (c) of subclause (1) of this clause.

(6) Any New Zealand civilian who served with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force in Japan (other than as a member of the New Zealand Armed Forces or as a member of the New Zealand Merchant Navy or as a member of the crew of a civil airline incorporated in New Zealand) shall, at the discretion of the Chief of Defence Force or a Chief of Staff acting for the Chief of Defence Force, be eligible for the Medal if the Chief of Defence Force or any such Chief of Staff is satisfied that that civilian's service is comparable to that prescribed in this Our Warrant.

6. Registration—The names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded shall be recorded in a register kept by the Chief of Defence Force in Our Realm of New Zealand.

7. Names of recipients—The Medal shall be issued unnamed and accompanied by a certificate bearing the name of the recipient.

8. Order of wear—In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations, and Medals shall be worn, the New Zealand Service Medal 1946-1949 shall in Our Realm of New Zealand be worn after the New Zealand War Service Medal 1939-1945.

9. Miniatures—(1) Reproductions of the Medal in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of the New Zealand Service Medal 1946-1949.

(2) A sealed pattern of the miniature Medal shall be deposited with and kept by the Chief of Defence Force in Our Realm of New Zealand.

10. Delegated powers—Delegated powers to make awards under the terms of this Our Warrant shall be vested in the Chief of Defence Force or a Chief of Staff acting for the Chief of Defence Force.

11. Forfeiture and restoration—It shall be competent for Our Minister of Defence or a Minister of the Crown acting for Our Minister of Defence—

- (a) To cancel and annul the conferment of the Medal on any person; and
- (b) Where the conferment of the Medal on any person has been cancelled or annulled, to restore the Medal to that person.

12. Annulment—We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with this Our Royal Warrant, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

GIVEN At Our Court at Government House, Wellington, this 3rd day of November 1995 in the 44th Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

JIM BOLGER,
Prime Minister of New Zealand.