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SUBJ: AWARD OF THE ASM WITH CLASP -MIDDLE EAST- FOR NORTH WEST INDIAN OCEAN DEPLOYMENTS 1980-1986.

A. DGNPT WAC/WAS 260459Z OCT 01

1. THE REFERENCE PROVIDED ADVICE THAT FOLLOWING RECENT REVIEWS, SERVICE IN RAN SHIPS IN THE NORTH WEST INDIAN OCEAN (NWIO) BETWEEN 1SEP80 TO 30JUL86 HAD BEEN APPROVED FOR AWARD OF THE ASM WITH CLASP -MIDDLE EAST-. TO QUALIFY, MEMBERS MUST HAVE SERVED FOR A PERIOD OF 30 DAYS IN THE AREA OF OPERATIONS DEFINED AS, QUOTE, THE AREA NORTH OF 10 DEGREES NORTH AND WEST OF 75 DEGREES EAST, THAT IS, THE ARABIAN SEA INCLUDING THE GULF OF ADEN, GULF OF OMAN AND PERSIAN GULF UNQUOTE.

2. THE REFERENCE ALSO CONTAINED A LIST OF ELIGIBLE DEPLOYMENTS TO THE NWIO PROVIDED TO ASSIST MEMBERS TO DETERMINE THEIR INDIVIDUAL ENTITLEMENT BASED ON THE 30 DAY RULE. IN SOME CASES MEMBERS HAVE INTERPRETED A POSTING TO A SHIP ON THE LIST PROVIDED AS AN AUTOMATIC ENTITLEMENT TO AWARD OF THE ASM.

3. AT THE TIME OF RELEASE OF THE REFERENCE, DGNPT WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE DETAILED GUIDANCE FOR MEMBERS TO DETERMINE ELIGIBILITY FOR THE ASM BASED ON TIME SPENT IN THE IN THE AREA. THIS INFORMATION IS NOW AVAILABLE AND IS PROVIDED BELOW:

A. HMAS ADELAIDE - 1982. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA: 04SEP82-01OCT82 (28DAYS) - 24OCT82-26OCT82(3DAYS) - 31OCT82-07NOV82(8DAYS):

DEPLOYMENT TOTAL 39 DAYS.

B. HMAS ADELAIDE - 1985. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA:

20MAY85-25MAY85(6DAYS): DEPLOYMENT TOTAL 6 DAYS

C. HMAS BRISBANE - 1981. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA:

28APR81-26MAY81(29DAYS) - 17JUN81-9JUL81(23DAYS): DEPLOYMENT TOTAL 52 DAYS.

D. HMAS BRISBANE - 1986. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA:

19JUNE84-02JUL84(14DAYS): DEPLOYMENT TOTAL 14 DAYS.

E. HMAS CANBERRA - 1983. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA: NIL

F. HMAS CANBERRA - 1986. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA: NIL

G. HMAS DERWENT - 1980. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA:

20OCT80-01NOV80(13DAYS) - 02NOV80-04NOV80(3DAYS): DEPLOYMENT TOTAL 16

DAYS.

H. HMAS HOBART - 1981. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA:

18AUG81-14SEP81-(28DAYS) - 11OCT81 - 12NOV81(33DAYS): DEPLOYMENT

TOTAL 61 DAYS.

I. HMAS MELBOURNE (INCLUDING HS805, HS816, HS817) - 1980. PERIODS WITHIN

DEFINED AREA: 29OCT80-01NOV80(4DAYS) - 02NOV80-04NOV80(3DAYS):

DEPLOYMENT TOTAL 7 DAYS.

J. HMAS OTAMA - 1980. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA: NIL.

K. HMAS PERTH - 1980. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA:

29OCT80-01NOV80(4DAYS) - 02NOV80-04NOV80(3DAYS): DEPLOYMENT TOTAL 7

DAYS.

L. HMAS PERTH - 1981. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA:

31JAN81-22FEB81(23DAYS) - 13MAR81-22APR81(41DAYS): DEPLOYMENT TOTAL

64 DAYS.

M. HMAS PERTH - 1982. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA:

11APR82-26MAY82(46DAYS) - 13JUN82-02JUL82(20DAYS): DEPLOYMENT TOTAL

66 DAYS.

N. HMAS PERTH - 1986. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA: NIL.

O. HMAS STALWART - 1980. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA:

01OCT90-9OCT80(9DAYS): DEPLOYMENT TOTAL 9 DAYS.

P. HMAS SUPPLY - 1980. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA:

20OCT80-01NOV80(13DAYS) - 02NOV80-04NOV80(3DAYS): DEPLOYMENT TOTAL 16

DAYS.

Q. HMAS SYDNEY - 1985. PERIODS WITHIN DEFINED AREA:

20MAY85-25MAY85(6DAYS): DEPLOYMENT TOTAL 6 DAYS.

4. ANY SERVING OR FORMER SERVING MEMBERS WHO CONSIDER THEY MAY BE ELIGIBLE FOR THE ASM WITH CLASP -MIDDLE EAST- MUST APPLY TO THE ADF MEDALS SECTION (NAVY), R1-1-D005, DEPT OF DEFENCE, CANBERRA, ACT 2600. APPLICATION MAY BE MADE IN WRITING, BY LETTER OR BY THE USE OF THE FORM AC694 QUOTE APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUE OR REPLACEMENT OF DEFENCE FORCE MEDALS AND AWARDS UNQUOTE. THESE FORMS ARE AVAILABLE UNDER THE RESOURCES SECTION OF HONOURS AND AWARDS AT WWW.DEFENCE.GOV.AU/DPE. ALL APPLICATIONS MUST CONTAIN THE APPLICANTS SERVICE NUMBER, RANK, FULL NAME, DATE OF BIRTH AND CURRENT POSTAL ADDRESS.

5. ALTHOUGH THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN DISTRIBUTED THROUGH THE NAVAL ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOME EX-SERVING MEMBERS ARE UNAWARE OF THEIR ELIGIBILITY. COMMANDS WHO MAINTAIN CLOSE AFFILIATION WITH OTHER NAVAL ASSOCIATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO DISSEMINATE THIS INFORMATION TO ENSURE THE WIDEST POSSIBLE DISTRIBUTION TO EX-SERVING MEMBERS.

6. FURTHER ADVICE CAN BE OBTAINED BY PHONING THE ADF MEDAL HOTLINE ON 1800 111 321.

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