



## **New Zealand General Service Medal (Thailand) Regulations 2003**

Pursuant to the Royal Warrant (SR 1992/101) dated 7 May 1992 (as altered by the Royal Warrant (SR 1997/153) dated 4 August 1997) instituting and creating the New Zealand General Service Medal, Her Majesty the Queen has been pleased to make the following regulations.

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### **REGULATIONS**

#### **1 Title**

These regulations are the New Zealand General Service Medal (Thailand) Regulations 2003.

#### **2 Commencement**

These regulations come into force on the 28th day after the date of their notification in the *Gazette*.

#### **3 Thailand**

- (1) The award of the New Zealand General Service Medal in bronze with the Clasp "THAILAND" in bronze is approved.
- (2) The Medal and the Clasp are awarded subject to the Royal Warrant and to regulations 5 and 6.

#### **4 Operational area**

In these regulations, operational area:-

- (a) means those areas of any of the following 18 provinces of north-eastern Thailand:
  - (i) Buriram:
  - (ii) Chaiyaphum:
  - (iii) Kalasin:
  - (iv) Khon Kaen:
  - (v) Loei:
  - (vi) Maha Sarakham:
  - (vii) Mukdahan:
  - (viii) Nakhon Phanom:
  - (ix) Nakhon Ratchasima:
  - (x) Nong Khai:
  - (xi) Phetchabun:
  - (xii) Roi Et:
  - (xiii) Sakon Nakhon:
  - (xiv) Sisaket:
  - (xv) Surin:
  - (xvi) Ubon Ratchathani:
  - (xvii) Udon Thani:
  - (xviii) Yasothon; and
- (b) includes those areas of any other provinces of Thailand that the Minister of Defence, on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force, may determine.

#### **5 Eligibility**

A person is eligible for the award of the Medal and the Clasp, subject to regulation 6, if, between 25 May 1962 and 15 December 1971, he or she was:-

- (a) a member of the New Zealand Army or Royal New Zealand Air Force or Royal New Zealand Navy; or
- (b) a civilian person who was a member of a New Zealand contribution or a New Zealand supported or sanctioned contribution in the operational area.

#### **6 Qualification**

An eligible person qualifies for the award of the Medal and the Clasp if he or she:-

- (a) served for 30 days or more as a member of a unit or sub-unit engaged in operations in the operational area; or
- (b) carried out 30 sorties or more as a member of a military or naval air crew or as a supernumerary crew member, in support of operations in the operational area; or
- (c) operated with the New Zealand Army, Royal New Zealand Air Force, Royal New Zealand Navy, or allied armed forces, or worked on New Zealand Government official tasks for 30 days or more, continuous or aggregated, in the operational area; or
- (d) rendered humanitarian service for a philanthropic organisation supported or sanctioned by the New Zealand Government for 30 days or more, continuous or aggregated, in the operational area; or
- (e) had his or her period of service in the operational area terminated before the completion of the qualifying time required by paragraphs (a) to (d) due to death or evacuation owing to wounds or other disability caused by that service; or
- (f) did not complete the qualifying time required by paragraphs (a) to (d), but was given a royal honour for gallantry or bravery in the operational area; or

- (g) had his or her period of service in the operational area terminated before completing the qualifying time required by paragraphs (a) to (d) due to the withdrawal of the New Zealand armed forces referred to in regulation 5(a) from the operational area at the request of the New Zealand Government and the award has been approved by the Chief of Defence Force; or
- (h) had his or her period of service in the operational area terminated before completing the qualifying time required by paragraphs (a) to (d) for service reasons (not personal or compassionate) and the award has been approved by the Chief of Defence Force; or
- (i) served in any manner not inconsistent with these regulations that the Minister of Defence, on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force, may determine.

## **7 Delegation**

Under clause 11(2) of the Royal Warrant, the Chief of Defence Force or a Chief of Staff acting for the Chief of Defence Force is authorised to award the New Zealand General Service Medal with the Clasp "THAILAND" to those persons who qualify for the award of that Medal with the Clasp "THAILAND".

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Minister of Defence.

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