



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 by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the Third day of November, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Five (SR 1995/244), We were pleased to institute and create a Medal designated “The New Zealand Service Medal 1946-1949”:

AND WHEREAS We deem it expedient that certain amendments should be made to the said Warrant to extend the eligibility for the Medal to include, in addition to those who served with the British Commonwealth Occupation Force, all persons who served in Japan in connection with the occupation of that country between 3 September 1945 and 31 March 1949.

NOW THEREFORE, We do declare that the rules and ordinances contained in the said Warrant shall be abrogated, cancelled, and annulled, and We, by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, are pleased to make, ordain, and establish the following rules and ordinances in substitution for the same:

1. Style

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

2. Description

The Medal shall be circular in shape, bearing:-

- (a) on the obverse, the New Zealand Coat of Arms; and
- (b) 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. Operational area

In this warrant, operational area means the political boundaries, territorial seas, and airspace of Japan.

5. Eligibility

The following persons shall be eligible for the Medal if they have served in the operational area between 3 September 1945 and 31 March 1949:-

- (a) members of the Defence Forces (within the meaning of the Defence Act 1909); or
- (b) members of the Naval Forces (within the meaning of the Naval Defence Act 1913); or
- (c) members of the Royal New Zealand Air Force (within the meaning of the Air Force Act 1937); or
- (d) members of the New Zealand Merchant Navy; or
- (e) members of the crew of an aircraft operated by a civil airline incorporated in New Zealand; or
- (f) New Zealand civilians; or
- (g) any other persons whom Our Minister of Defence, on the advice of the Chief of Defence Force, may determine.

6. Qualifying service: Defence Forces, Naval Forces, and Royal New Zealand Air Force

Members of the Defence Forces, Naval Forces, or Royal New Zealand Air Force qualify for the award of the Medal if they have served for 28 days, whether on full-time or part-time service, with the occupation forces in the operational area.

7. Qualifying service: New Zealand Merchant Navy

Members of the New Zealand Merchant Navy qualify for the award of the Medal if they have served, for an aggregate of at least 28 days in the operational area, working with or alongside a New Zealand Government contribution to the occupation forces.

8. Qualifying service: civilian aircrew

Members of the crew of an aircraft operated by a civil airline incorporated in New Zealand qualify for the award of the Medal if they have served, for an aggregate of at least 48 flying hours, in the operational area.

9. Qualifying service: New Zealand civilians

New Zealand civilians qualify for the award of the Medal if they have served, for 28 days in the operational area, working with or alongside a New Zealand Government contribution to the occupation forces.

10. Qualifying service: General

- (1) Service in the operational area that is brought to an end by any of the following circumstances qualify for the award of the Medal even though the service may not amount to that prescribed for the award of the Medal in clauses 6 to 9:-
 - (a) death; or
 - (b) evacuation owing to wounds or other disability due to service; or
 - (c) withdrawal at the direction of the New Zealand Government for official reasons (not personal or compassionate):

- (2) Service in the operational area which is less than that prescribed for the award of the Medal in clauses 6 to 9, but has been recognised by a Royal Honour for gallantry, bravery, or meritorious service, equivalent or senior to the Queen's Service Medal, qualifies for the award of the Medal.

11. Register

The names of all those persons who receive the Medal shall be recorded in a register kept by the Chief of Defence Force.

12. Names of recipients

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

13. 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 be worn, according to the date of award, as a war medal.

14. Miniatures

- (1) Reproductions of the Medal, in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those persons who have received the Medal, shall not exceed one-half of the size of the full-size Medal.
- (2) A sealed pattern of the miniature Medal shall be deposited with, and kept by, the Chief of Defence Force.

15. Delegated powers

Delegated powers to make awards of the Medal under the terms of this Our Warrant are vested in the Chief of Defence Force or an officer of the New Zealand Defence Force authorised by the Chief of Defence Force.

16. Forfeiture and restoration

It shall be competent for the Chief of Defence Force or a Chief of Staff acting for the Chief of Defence Force to:-

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

17. 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 of it, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's, this 23rd day of July 2002, in the 51st Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

Helen Clark,
Prime Minister of New Zealand.

*Issued under the authority of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989.
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