

**Reprint
as at 9 August 1968**



The Vietnam Medal
(SR 1968/141)

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Royal Warrant

Elizabeth the Second, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom,
New Zealand and Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of
the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith,

To all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting:

Whereas We have given consideration to the need for recognition
of the service of members of the New Zealand Armed Forces and
by duly accredited members of approved philanthropic organisations
serving with these forces in assisting the forces of the Republic of
Vietnam to repel aggression;

And Whereas We are desirous of recognising this service to Our
Realm of New Zealand;

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

1 The Medal shall be designated and styled The Vietnam Medal.

Note

Changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989
have been made in this reprint.

A general outline of these changes is set out in the notes at the end of this reprint, together
with other explanatory material about this reprint.

- 2 The Medal shall be of silver and circular in shape bearing on the obverse Our Royal Effigy Crowned, and, on the reverse, the word “Vietnam” inscribed above a symbolic representation of the ideological war in Vietnam, depicting the figure of man in the centre of the Medal, standing between spherical shapes.
- 3 The Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended by a yellow ribbon one and one quarter inches in width bordered on the left with a dark blue strip, representing the Navy and on the right a light blue strip, representing the Air Force, both being one quarter of an inch wide and edged on the inner side with strips of red, representing the Army, each one eighth of an inch wide. Within a space of one sixth of an inch in the centre of the ribbon, three vertical stripes in red of a lighter hue, each of equal width are super-imposed on the yellow, the distance between each stripe being equal to the width of the stripe.
- 4 The Medal shall be awarded to those members of Our New Zealand Armed Forces who, on or after 29 May 1964, have rendered service in operations in Vietnam in accordance with the conditions specified hereinafter.
- 5 Accredited members of approved New Zealand philanthropic organisations attached to these Forces in Vietnam in an official capacity for full-time duty in uniform shall also be eligible for the Medal.
- 6 Eligibility shall not be affected by the grant of any other award for service in Vietnam.
- 7 The conditions of award of the Medal shall be common to members of the three Services and shall be:
 - (i) service of twenty-eight days, continuous or aggregated, in ships or craft employed in operations on inland waters or off the coast of Vietnam;
 - (ii) service of one day or more on the posted strength of a unit or formation on land in Vietnam;
 - (iii) one operational sortie over Vietnam or Vietnamese waters by aircrew on the posted strength of a unit allocated for direct support of operations in Vietnam; or
 - (iv) service of thirty days, continuous or aggregated, for official visits, inspections or other occurrences of a temporary nature on duty in Vietnam, or in ships or craft engaged in operations off the Vietnamese coast.

- 8 The qualifying period of service as described in subparagraphs 7(i) and 7(iv) will be waived where a member's service is brought to an end because of death or evacuation owing to wounds or other disability due to service, or the member is awarded a British Honour, Decoration or a Medal of the status of the British Empire Medal or above, a Mention-in-Despatches or a Queen's Commendation for gallantry on a specific occasion during the uncompleted qualifying period.
- 9 Accredited members of philanthropic organisations, as defined in paragraph 5, qualify for the award if they have service of one day or more with forces engaged in the operations in Vietnam from 29 May 1964.
- 10 When a Mention-in-Despatches or a Queen's Commendation has been granted for service in operations in Vietnam, the appropriate Emblem will be worn on the ribbon of the Vietnam Medal.
- 11 The respective Service Boards are granted the authority to approve awards of the Medal to those who have already qualified, and to those who render service in the future when they have qualified.
- 12 It shall be competent for Our Governor-General in and over Our Realm of New Zealand to cancel and annul the award of the Medal to any member of Our Armed Forces or to any member of an accredited organisation attached to these Forces.

Given at Our Court of St. James's this eighth day of June one thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight, in the seventeenth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

D S Thomson,
Minister of Defence.

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Notes

1 *General*

This is a reprint of The Vietnam Medal. The reprint incorporates all the amendments to the warrant as at 9 August 1968, as specified in the list of amendments at the end of these notes.

Relevant provisions of any amending enactments that contain transitional, savings, or application provisions that cannot be compiled in the reprint are also included, after the principal enactment, in chronological order. For more information, *see* <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/reprints/>.

2 *Status of reprints*

Under section 16D of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, reprints are presumed to correctly state, as at the date of the reprint, the law enacted by the principal enactment and by the amendments to that enactment. This presumption applies even though editorial changes authorised by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 have been made in the reprint.

This presumption may be rebutted by producing the official volumes of statutes or statutory regulations in which the principal enactment and its amendments are contained.

3 *How reprints are prepared*

A number of editorial conventions are followed in the preparation of reprints. For example, the enacting words are not included in Acts, and provisions that are repealed or revoked are omitted. For a detailed list of the editorial conventions,

see <http://www.pco.parliament.govt.nz/editorial-conventions/> or Part 8 of the *Tables of New Zealand Acts and Ordinances and Statutory Regulations and Deemed Regulations in Force*.

4 Changes made under section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989

Section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 authorises the making of editorial changes in a reprint as set out in sections 17D and 17E of that Act so that, to the extent permitted, the format and style of the reprinted enactment is consistent with current legislative drafting practice. Changes that would alter the effect of the legislation are not permitted. A new format of legislation was introduced on 1 January 2000. Changes to legislative drafting style have also been made since 1997, and are ongoing. To the extent permitted by section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989, all legislation reprinted after 1 January 2000 is in the new format for legislation and reflects current drafting practice at the time of the reprint.

In outline, the editorial changes made in reprints under the authority of section 17C of the Acts and Regulations Publication Act 1989 are set out below, and they have been applied, where relevant, in the preparation of this reprint:

- omission of unnecessary referential words (such as “of this section” and “of this Act”)
- typeface and type size (Times Roman, generally in 11.5 point)
- layout of provisions, including:
 - indentation
 - position of section headings (eg, the number and heading now appear above the section)
- format of definitions (eg, the defined term now appears in bold type, without quotation marks)
- format of dates (eg, a date formerly expressed as “the 1st day of January 1999” is now expressed as “1 January 1999”)
- position of the date of assent (it now appears on the front page of each Act)

- punctuation (eg, colons are not used after definitions)
- Parts numbered with roman numerals are replaced with arabic numerals, and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- case and appearance of letters and words, including:
 - format of headings (eg, headings where each word formerly appeared with an initial capital letter followed by small capital letters are amended so that the heading appears in bold, with only the first word (and any proper nouns) appearing with an initial capital letter)
 - small capital letters in section and subsection references are now capital letters
- schedules are renumbered (eg, Schedule 1 replaces First Schedule), and all cross-references are changed accordingly
- running heads (the information that appears at the top of each page)
- format of two-column schedules of consequential amendments, and schedules of repeals (eg, they are rearranged into alphabetical order, rather than chronological).

5 *List of amendments incorporated in this reprint
(most recent first)*
