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*Service on Operation TELIC from
20 January 2003*

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1. The Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals has had under consideration the need for recognition of service on Operation TELIC from 20 January 2003, inclusive, to a future date to be decided in due course, with special regard to the hardships and dangers which have accompanied duty there.

2. Their recommendations have been duly submitted to Her Majesty The Queen, who has graciously approved the award of a medal to be known as the Iraq Medal for specified service, as described below.

3. The 'Iraq Medal' shall be circular in form and in cupro-nickel. It shall bear on the obverse the crowned Wynne effigy of Her Majesty. The design of the reverse is the symbol of the Lamassu above the word 'IRAQ'. The medal shall be suspended on the left breast by a ribbon of one inch and a quarter in width. The ribbon shall consist of three equally sized inner stripes of black, white and red flanked on either side by an equal sized band of sand colour.

4. The qualifying criteria for the award of the Iraq Medal shall be service on, or in support of, Operation TELIC within the Joint Operational Area. The Joint Operational Area shall consist of two Zones, Zone One and Zone Two, to distinguish those who served in Iraq and Kuwait and those who served elsewhere in support of the operation.

5. Those who have served in Zone One and certain personnel who have served in Zone Two during the period 19 March – 28 April 2003 who qualify to receive the Iraq Medal will be eligible to wear a clasp '19 MAR – 28 APR 2003' on the ribbon. Those who qualify for the clasp will be permitted to wear a distinguishing rosette on the ribbon when no medal is worn.

6. The qualifying periods for the award of the Iraq Medal shall be:

i. *Campaign Medal with Clasp '19 MAR – 28 APR 2003'*

a. *Zone One. 7 days continuous service during the period 19 March 2003 – 28 April 2003.*

or

b. *Aircrew based outside, but flying into Zone One. Two or more flights into Zone One during the period 19 March 2003 – 28 April 2003.*

ii. *Campaign Medal without Clasp*

a. *Personnel based in Zone One (Iraq) not completing 7 days service between 19 March – 28 April 2003. 30 days continuous service between 20 January 2003 – 24 March 2003 or 30 days continuous service from 23 April 2003 to a date to be notified.*

or

b. *Personnel based in Zone One (Kuwait) not completing 7 days service between 19 March – 28 April 2003. 30 days continuous service between 20 January 2003 – 24 March 2003 or 30 days continuous service from 23 April 2003 to 10 August 2003.*

or

c. *Personnel in Zone Two. 30 days continuous service between 20 January 2003 – 28 April 2003.*

or

d. *Aircrew based outside Zones One and Two. 30 sectors in Zone One or Zone Two at a rate of not more than one sector per day between the period 20 January 2003 – 28 April 2003.*

or

e. *Aircrew based outside Iraq. 10 sorties/sectors into Iraq from 28 April 2003 to a date to be notified at a rate of not more than one sortie/sector per day.*

7. Eligible personnel are:

- i. Regular or Reserve members of the United Kingdom Armed Forces on the attached or posted strength of any unit or formation committed to Operation TELIC.
- ii. United Kingdom Armed Forces serving with foreign forces engaged directly on, or in support of, Operation TELIC are eligible for the award of the Iraq Medal if they satisfy the qualification criteria. Loan Service and British Military Advisory Training Team personnel may qualify for the medal if they were attached for the requisite periods of time to United Kingdom or Coalition units engaged in Operation TELIC.
- iii. Regular or Reserve Foreign and Commonwealth personnel serving as members of the United Kingdom Armed Forces on the attached or posted strength of any unit or formation committed to Operation TELIC.
- iv. Foreign and Commonwealth Exchange personnel serving with or alongside United Kingdom Armed Forces.
- v. Ministry of Defence Civilians.
- vi. Members of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service and DLO Warship Support Agency deployed in support of Operation TELIC.
- vii. Contractors on Deployed Operations.
- viii. Foreign civilians employed in direct support of Operation TELIC subject to a supporting recommendation from the relevant Headquarters.
- ix. Ministry of Defence accredited war correspondents, photographers, cameramen and sound recordists.

- x. Civilian members of any such other organisations as may hereafter be determined who served directly with the Armed Forces in support of Operation TELIC.
8. If qualifying service is brought to an end before the completion of the specified qualifying period on account of death, wounding or other disability due to operational service, the reduced period of service shall be sufficient qualification for the award of the Iraq Medal. The grant of a British Honour, Decoration or Medal of the status of a Mention-in-Dispatches or a Queen's Commendation or above, for services on operations during the qualifying period, not reaching the qualifying requirement, shall also qualify for the Iraq Medal.
9. The award of the Iraq Medal shall be made as soon as possible to those who have qualified.



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