



The Iraq Medal

*for service in Iraq from 20 January 2003
(Amendments to Cm 6135 of February 2004)*

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1. The Committee on the Grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals has had under consideration the need to amend the arrangements for recognition of service in 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. This was previously covered by the Command Paper on The Iraq Medal (Cm 6135) dated February 2004.
2. Their recommendations have been duly submitted to Her Majesty The Queen, who has graciously agreed to the amendments described below.
3. In addition to those detailed in Command Paper (Cm 6135), personnel eligible for The Iraq Medal include:
 - a. all aircrew regardless of where they are based to qualify by flying 10 missions from or in Iraq at no more than one per day.
 - b. RAF Ground Engineers to qualify under the same criteria as aircrew.
 - c. members of United Kingdom Special Courier Teams to qualify under the same criteria as aircrew.
 - d. personnel in Zone 1 (Northern Arabian Gulf) who completed 30 days continuous seagoing service between 20 January 2003 and 24 March 2003, or 45 days cumulative seagoing service to be completed during a single five-month operational deployment between 23 April 2003 to a date to be notified.
 - e. members of the British Military Mission and British Military Advisory and Training Team serving in Kuwait who deployed with Kuwaiti Armed Forces for a period of at least 7 days continuous service, in tactical locations and under field conditions between 19 March and 28 April 2003, or 30 days continuous service in tactical locations and under field conditions between 20 January and 24 March 2003.
4. It should be noted that the qualifying criteria including the requirement in terms of days of continuous service given in the original Command Paper and Defence Council Instruction remain unchanged except where explicitly stated in this paper.



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