

**QUALIFYING DETAILS FOR  
CAMPAIGN MEDALS FOR MERCHANT SEAMEN**

## CAMPAIGN STARS AND WAR MEDAL

Members of the Merchant Navy are eligible for the following Campaign Stars and Clasps if they have rendered the necessary seagoing service. The qualifications required are set out in the following paragraphs.

### **1939 – 45 Star**

The ribbon of the 1939-45 Star, which is the same for all Services, is dark blue, red and light blue in three equal vertical stripes. The dark blue stripe is intended to mark the service of the Naval Forces, the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleet; the red stripe that of the Armies and the light blue stripe, that of the Air Forces. The ribbon is to be worn with the dark blue stripe farthest from the left shoulder.

The qualifications for the award of the 1939 – 45 Star in the Merchant Navy are:

- a) Six months' service at sea, provided that at least one voyage was made through one of the following danger zones;

**From 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939, to 31<sup>st</sup> May 1940:**

The Atlantic Ocean, including Home Waters and the North Sea: Baltic Arctic Ocean between Greenland and longitude 70E and that part of the Indian Ocean lying South of 15S and West of 55E.

**From 1<sup>st</sup> June 1940, to 9<sup>th</sup> June 1940:**

As above with the addition of the Pacific Ocean and the rest of the Indian Ocean.

**From 1<sup>st</sup> June 1940, to 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945:**

Anywhere at sea.

**From 9<sup>th</sup> May 1945, to 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945:**

The Pacific Ocean, including the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean and the Bay of Bengal, east of a line running from the southernmost point of Ceylon for a distance of 300 miles south thence to a point 300 miles west of the southernmost point of Sumatra and continuing east to the western side of Sunda Strait thence through Christmas Island and southwards along Meridian 110E (most of the Indian Ocean is excluded.)

If six months' service at sea has not been rendered the 1939-45 Star will be awarded only in the following circumstances:

- b) Service as a master or member of the crew of a vessel which took part in the evacuation at Dunkirk.
- c) Service at sea brought to an end by death, injury or other disability arising out of service, provided one voyage was made through one of the danger zones.

- d) A grant for service in dangerous waters of an Honour, Decoration, Mention in Despatches or Commendation for Brave Conduct.

Time spent as a prisoner of war consequent on service at sea in dangerous waters will count towards the six months' qualifying period for the award of the 1939-45 Star.

Subject to certain exceptions defined later in this instruction those who have already been awarded the 1939-45 Star for less than six months' qualifying service ( see paragraphs ( b ) , ( c ) and ( d ) above ) will be required to complete a total of six months qualifying service before becoming eligible for the Atlantic, Italy, Pacific and Burma Stars. Similarly those who have not already earned the 1939 – 45 Star will be required to qualify for it by six months' qualifying service before becoming eligible for one of these Stars. For the award of the Africa Star and the France and Germany Star it is not imperative that the 1939 – 45 Star should already have been earned.

## **WAR MEDAL**

The War Medal 1939 – 45 will be granted to full time personnel of the Armed Forces and the Merchant Navy.

The ribbon of the War Medal is in the red, white and blue of the Union Flag. There is a narrow central red stripe with a narrow white stripe on either side. There are broad red stripes at either edge, the two intervening stripes being in blue.

In the Merchant Navy the qualification for the award of the war Medal are: -

- a) 28 days service anywhere at sea between the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945.
- b) Sea going service brought to an end by death, wounds or other disability attributed to service, capture by the enemy or cessation of hostilities on the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, even though the service may not amount to 28 days in all. This concession will not apply to an individual who does not qualify for a Campaign Star.
- c) When the 1939 – 45 Star or one of the other Campaign Stars has been awarded for sea going service of less than 28 days the War Medal will be granted in addition.

## **AFRICA STAR**

**(10th June 1940 – 12th May 1943)**

The Africa Star will now be granted in addition to the 1939 – 45 Star to those who have qualified for both Stars.

The ribbon of the Africa Star is pale buff in colour with a central vertical red stripe and two other narrower stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The background is intended as a symbol of the desert, the central red stripe stands for the Armies, the dark blue stripe for the Naval Forces, the Merchant Navy and Fishing Fleet and the light blue stripe for the Air Forces. The ribbon is worn with the dark blue stripe farthest from the left shoulder.

In the Merchant Navy, service of any length at sea in the Mediterranean between the date of the entry of Italy into the war or 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940, to the date of the cessation of operations against the enemy in North Africa on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943, inclusive or in direct support of the Army in the Abyssinian, Somaliland and Eritrean Campaigns between the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1940, and the 27<sup>th</sup> November 1941, will qualify. Service in Merchant Navy vessels which took part in the landings on the Coast of Morocco on or after the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1942 will also be a qualification.

**QUALIFYING PORTS FOR THE AWARD OF THE  
AFRICA STAR**

( 10th June 1940 to 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943 )

Alexandria	Algiers
Aguilas	Benghazi
Algiers	Bizerta
Almeira	Bona
Athens	Bougie
Barcelona	Casablanca ( 8.11.42 to 12.5.43)
Beirut	Nemour
Benghazi	Oran
Bizerta	Phillippville
Bona	Tobruk
Bove	Tripoli
Bougie	Tunis
Cartagena	
Casablanca ( 8.11.42 to 12.5.43 )	
Cyprus	
Haifa	
Hornillo	
Istanbul	
Malaga	
Malta	
Marseilles	
Melilla	One day's service is sufficient.
Nemour ( Algeria )	
Oran	
Phillippville	
Pireaus	
Port Vendres	
Tobruk	
Sete	
Tripoli	
Tunis	
Valencia	
Suda Bay	

10<sup>th</sup> June 1940 to 27<sup>th</sup> November 1941 (Mombassa)

Abyssinia – see Medal cards for ‘Empress of Asia’ and ‘Llangibby Castle’ re ‘Trooping’

## **CLASP TO AFRICA STAR**

**(23rd October 1942 – 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943)**

The Clasp to the Africa Star, denoted by the silver rose Emblem, will be granted to members of the merchant Navy who served in vessels engaged in landing troops, equipment, stores, etc., at ports, or on the shores of North Africa between el Alamein and the Straits of Gibraltar, during North Africa Campaign from the 23<sup>rd</sup> October 1942 ( the date of the Battle of el Alamein ) to the cessation of hostilities in North Africa on the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943, irrespective of the length of that service. Service in ships which took part in the landings on or after the 8<sup>th</sup> November 1942, on the Coast of Morocco will also be a qualification.

### **QUALIFYING PORTS FOR THE AWARD OF THE CLASP TO AFRICA STAR**

Algiers

Benghazi

Bizerta

Bona

Bougie

Casablanca (8<sup>th</sup> November 1942 to 12<sup>th</sup> May 1943)

Oran (ORAN)

Phillippville

Tobruk

Tripoli

## **THE ATLANTIC STAR**

**(3rd September 1939 – 8th May 1945)**

The Atlantic Star is intended to commemorate the Battle of the Atlantic and is designed primarily for convoys and their escort and anti-submarine forces as well as for fast merchant ships that sailed alone.

The ribbon of the Atlantic star is blue, white and sea green, shaded and watered, the design being intended as a symbol of service in the Atlantic. The ribbon is to be worn with the blue edge furthest from the left shoulder.

In the merchant Navy the qualifications for the award of the Atlantic Star are:

- a) The 1939-45 Star must have been earned by six months' service at sea and there must be a further six months' service anywhere at sea rendered since the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1939, and until the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, with one or more voyages in the following area during the second six months:

The Atlantic and/or Home waters, including service in convoys to North Russia and service in the South Atlantic West of longitude 20E.

If twelve months' service at sea has not been rendered, the Atlantic Star will be awarded only in the following circumstances;

- b) Service specified in paragraph (a) brought to an end by death, wounds or other disability arising out of service.
- c) Service at sea in the area specified in paragraph (a) above marked by an Honour, Decoration, Mention in Despatches or Commendation for Brave Conduct.
- d) Seamen who have not already earned the 1939-45 Star but who served in the Merchant Navy at sea in the area specified in paragraph (a) above during the last six months of operational service up to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, will qualify for the Atlantic Star, provided that service was not subsequently rendered in another operational area. The 1939 – 45 Star will not be awarded in such cases.

Time spent as a prisoner of war, consequent on service at sea in dangerous waters will count towards the six months' qualifying period for the award of the Atlantic Star, provided that at the time of capture the 1939 – 45 Star had been earned by six months' service at sea and one voyage had subsequently been made through the area specified in paragraph (a) above.

Service in local coastal craft is excluded, as this will be recognised by the award of the 1939 – 45 Star.



## **Clasp to the Atlantic Star**

Merchant Navy personnel who qualify for the Atlantic Star and the France and Germany star will be awarded only the Star first earned. A Clasp will be awarded with it denoting that the service which would have qualified for the second Star has been rendered. A silver rose Emblem will be worn to denote the award of the France and Germany or the Atlantic Clasp as the case may be.

## **PACIFIC STAR**

**(8th December 1941 – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945)**

The Pacific Star will be awarded for entry into operational services in the Pacific theatre from the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1941, until the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945.

The ribbon of the Pacific Star is dark green with red edges and with a central yellow stripe. There are also two other narrow stripes, one dark blue and the other light blue. The green and yellow stand for the forests and beaches of the Pacific, the red edges for the armies, the dark blue stripe for the Naval Forces and the Merchant Navies, and the light blue stripe for the Air Forces. The ribbon is to be worn with the dark blue stripe furthest from the left shoulder.

In the Merchant navy, the qualifications for the Pacific Star are:

- a) The 1939 – 45 Star must have been earned by six months service at sea and be followed by service on or after the 8<sup>th</sup> December 1941, irrespective of the length of that service in the following area:

The Pacific Ocean, including the South China Sea and the Indian Ocean east of a line running due south from Singapore, round the south east coast of Sumatra, through Christmas Island and southwards along the Meridian of 110E

If less than six months' service at sea has been rendered the Pacific Star will be awarded only in the following circumstances:

- b) Service specified in paragraph (a) terminated by death, wounds or other disability arising out of service.
- c) Service specified in paragraph (a) marked by an Honour, Decoration, Mention in Despatches or Commendation for Brave Conduct.
- d) Service specified in paragraph (a) during the last six months of operational service up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, provided that service was not subsequently rendered in another operational area. The 1939 – 45 Star will not be awarded in such cases.

### **Clasp to the Pacific Star**

Merchant Navy personnel who qualify for both the Pacific Star and the Burma Star will be awarded only one of these, the Star first earned. A Clasp will be awarded with it denoting that service which would have qualified for the other star has been rendered. A silver rose Emblem will be worn to denote the award of the Burma or Pacific Clasp as the case may be.

## QUALIFYING PORTS FOR THE AWARD OF THE PACIFIC STAR

Adelaide  
Addu Atoll  
Antofagasta  
Atholl  
Auckland  
Balboa  
Batavia ( Indonesia )  
Bathurst  
Bluff  
Brisbane  
Cairns  
Callao ( Peru )  
Christchurch  
Esquimalt  
Exmouth Gulf  
Freemantle  
Geelong  
Hobart  
Hong Kong  
Honolulu  
Iquiqui  
Los Angeles  
Leyte ( Phillipines )  
Lyttleton  
Manila  
Manus  
Manzanillo ( Mexico )

Melbourne  
Milne Bay  
Napier  
New Westminster  
Panama  
Port Alberni  
Port Darwin  
Port Moresby  
Port Pirie  
San Diego  
San Pedro  
Singapore  
St Francisco  
Sydney  
Surabaya  
Townsville  
Tocopilla ( Chile )  
Valparaiso  
Vancouver  
Wellington  
Vlithi

## **BURMA STAR**

**(11th December 1941 – 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945)**

The Burma Star will be awarded for entry into operational service in the Burma campaign from the 11<sup>th</sup> December 1941, until the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945.

The ribbon of the Burma Star is dark blue with a central red stripe, and in addition two orange stripes. The red stands for the British Commonwealth Forces, and the orange for the sun, and these are placed on a contrasting background of dark blue.

In the Merchant Navy, the qualifications for the Burma Star are:

- a) the 1939 – 45 Star must have been earned by six months' service at sea and be followed by service on or after the 11<sup>th</sup> December 1941, irrespective of the length of that service, in the following area:

The Bay of Bengal enclosed by a line running from the southernmost point of Ceylon for a distance of 300 miles south, thence to a point 300 miles west of the southernmost point of Sumatra, and continuing east to the western side on Sunda Strait. The Malacca Strait is included.

If less than six months' service at sea has been rendered the Burma Star will be awarded only in the following circumstances:

- b) Service specified in paragraph (a) above terminated by death, wounds or other disability arising out of service.
- c) Service specified in paragraph (a) above marked by an Honour, Decoration, Mention in Despatches or Commendation for Brave Conduct.
- d) Service specified in paragraph (a) above during the last six months of operational service up to the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 1945, provided that service was not subsequently rendered in another operational area. The 1939 – 45 Star will not be awarded in such cases.

Service in Merchant Navy vessels passing through the area specified in paragraph (a) above will not be a qualification.

### **Clasp to the Burma Star**

The Burma Star will not be awarded in addition to the Pacific Star. If a candidate should qualify for both, the Star first earned will be awarded. A Clasp will be awarded with it denoting that service which would have qualified for the other Star has been rendered. A silver rose Emblem will denote the award of this Clasp.

**QUALIFYING PORTS FOR THE AWARD OF THE  
BURMA STAR**

Akyab

Calcutta

Chittagong

Madras

Oosthaven

Penang

Port Swettenham and Port Dickson = Malacca Straits

Rangoon

Trincomalee

Sandheads

Sumatra

Vizagapatan

Cuddalore

(Make sure Colombo on the west coast of Sri Lanka is not taken as a port of medal entitlement).

Passage across the Bay of Bengal without calling at a qualifying port, does **NOT** qualify for the Burma Star.

## **ITALY STAR**

**(11th June 1943 – 8th May 1945)**

The Italy Star will be granted for entry into operational service in the Italian Campaign.

The ribbon of the Italy Star is in the Italian colours, green, white and red. There are five vertical stripes of equal width, one in red on either edge and one in green at the centre, the two intervening stripes being in white.

The Italy Star will be awarded for service at sea in the Mediterranean during the campaign subsequently to the capture of Pantellaria on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 1943, and until the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, irrespective of the length of that service, provided the service was directly connected with active operations in the Mediterranean theatre, including those in the Aegean and the South of France.

In the Merchant Navy the qualifications for the Italy Star are:

- a) The 1939 – 45 Star must have been earned by six months service at sea and be followed by service in a vessel landing troops, stores, etc., at ports in, or on the shores of, the Mediterranean, excluding those in Spain, the Balearic Islands, North Africa, Palestine, Syria, Turkey ( East of 30E ) and in Cyprus. Service in vessels passing through the Mediterranean will not be a qualification. If six months' service at sea has not been rendered, the Italy Star will be awarded only in the following circumstances:
- b) Service specified in paragraph (a) above, terminated by death, wounds or other disability arising out of service.
- c) Service specified in paragraph (a) above marked by an Honour, Decoration, Mention in Despatches or Commendation for Brave Conduct.
- d) Service specified in paragraph (a) above during the last six months of operational service up to the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, provided that service was not subsequently rendered in another operational area. The 1939 – 45 Star will not be awarded in such cases.

**QUALIFYING PORTS FOR THE AWARD OF THE  
ITALY STAR**

Ancona  
Augusta  
Avola  
Bari  
Brindisi  
Cagliari  
Catania  
Genoa  
Istanbul  
Leghorn  
Maddalena  
Malta  
Marseilles  
Messina  
Naples  
Palermo  
Patros  
Pireaus  
Reggio  
Salerno  
Sete  
Sicily  
Syracuse (or Siracusa)  
Taranto  
Thessalonika  
Tripolo (near Naples)  
Toulon  
Valetta  
Vittoria

(Bona and Bizerta are North African ports and therefore excluded. Make sure no African ports are on 'Italy Star' cards).

## **FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR**

**(6th June 1944 to 8th May 1945)**

The France and Germany Star will be granted for entry into operational service on land from the 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944, until the 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945, in France Belgium, Holland and Germany.

The ribbon of the France and Germany Star is the red, white and blue of the Union Flag and these colours are also used as a symbol of France and the Netherlands. There are five vertical stripes of equal width, one in blue at either edge and one in red at the centre, the two intervening stripes being in white.

In the Merchant Navy, the qualification for the France and Germany Star are:

- a) Service, irrespective of the length of that service, in the following area provided it was directly in support of land operations in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany, etc. (i.e. service in Merchant Navy vessels taking troops, stores, etc., into Continental waters);
- b) The North Sea south of a line from the Firth of Forth to Kristiansand ( South ), in the English Channel or the Bay of Biscay east of longitude 6W
- c) Merchant Navy service in the Mediterranean in support of operations in the South of France will not be a qualification. Such service will qualify for the Italy Star.

### **Clasp to the France and Germany Star**

The France and Germany Star will not be awarded in addition to the Atlantic Star. If a candidate should qualify for both of these Stars, the Star first earned will be awarded. If the France and Germany Star is awarded under these conditions a Clasp will be awarded for service which would qualify for the Atlantic star. A silver rose Emblem will be worn to denote the award of this Clasp.



**QUALIFYING PORTS FOR THE AWARD OF THE  
FRANCE AND GERMANY STAR**

Amsterdam  
Antwerp  
Arrowmanches  
Brest  
Caen  
Calais  
Cherbourg  
Dieppe  
Ghent  
Gold  
Granville  
Juno  
Le Havre  
Morlaix  
Normandy  
Omaha  
Ostend  
Port En Bessin  
Rouen  
Scheldt  
Seine Estuary  
St Malo (France)  
Terneuzen  
Utah

No previous qualifying sea service is required to hold this star – just one day.

## Appendix A

### General

Although time spent as a prisoner of war consequent on service at sea in dangerous waters may be counted towards the qualifying period for the award of the 1939 – 45 Star, and of the Atlantic Star provided that an individual had at the time of his capture begun to earn that Star and had made one or more voyages in the area defined, after completion of service required for the award of the 1939 – 45 Star, such time will not be counted towards the period of six months qualifying service which must be completed before the grant of the Italy, Pacific and Burma Stars may be authorised.

Service qualifying for the 1939 – 45 Star cannot run concurrently with service qualifying for the Italy, Atlantic, Pacific and Burma Stars. In calculating the six months service at sea required for the 1939 – 45 Star no deduction will be made of the time spent in operational areas entitling the applicant to the Africa Star and the France and Germany Star. Similarly, in calculating the second six months' service at sea required for the Atlantic Star no deduction will be made for the time spent in operational areas entitling the applicant to another Campaign Star.

The Stars and the war Medal and the ribbons of the Stars and the War Medal should be worn in the following order, working outwards towards the left shoulder:

1939 – 45 Star
Atlantic Star
Africa Star
Pacific Star
Burma Star
Italy Star
France and Germany Star
War Medal

### Mentions in Despatches and King's Commendations

The single bronze oak leaf Emblem signifying a Mention in Despatches, or a King's Commendation for brave conduct, which is at present attached directly to the coat after all the ribbons, or by itself, should, if granted for service in the war of 1939 – 45, be worn on the ribbon of the War Medal.

## **POST WORLD WAR II MEDALS**

**NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL  
WITH CLASP PALESTINE**

In the Merchant Navy the qualifications for this medal requires service of 28 days during the period from 27<sup>th</sup> September 1945 to 30<sup>th</sup> June 1948 in:

- (a) Merchant Ships which were employed in carrying illegal immigrants from Haifa to Cyprus
- (b) Merchant Fleet Auxiliaries and Hospital Ships which were in attendance on ships of the Fleet
- (c) Royal Fleet Auxiliaries in attendance on Naval Forces

**QUALIFYING VESSELS**

Empire Battleaxe	14/04/1947 – 18/04/1947
Empire Comfort	25/02/1947 – 29/04/1948
Empire Heywood	11/08/1946 – 09/04/1947
Empire Lifeguard	02/02/1947 – 23/08/1947 16/04/1948 – 15/06/1948
Empire Peacemaker	06/01/1948 – 12/03/1948
Empire Rest	31/07/1947 – 22/06/1948
Empire Rival	10/08/1946 – 21/05/1948
Empire Shelter	25/02/1947 – 27/06/1948
Fort Wayne	16/07/1947 – 27/11/1947 05/02/1948 – 19/02/1948
Ocean Vigour	22/09/1946 – 23/07/1948
Runnymede Park	16/04/1947 – 17/01/1948
Tripolitania	29/05/1947 – 26/04/1948



**NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL  
WITH CLASP 'NEAR EAST' (SUEZ)**

In the Merchant navy the qualification for this medal requires service of one day or more between 31 October 1956 and 22 December 1956 in support of the Armed Forces (i.e. landing troops, stores etc at Port Said)

**QUALIFYING VESSELS**

Amber	Empire Celtic	Huntsland
Ascania	Empire Chubb	Kenilworth Castle
Asturias	Empire Cymric	Kingsbury
Banaadi	Empire Doric	Marshall
Blue Ranger	Empire Fowey	Midhurst
Brown Ranger	Empire Gaelic	Mountpack
Charles Macleod	Empire Grebe	New Australia
Counnas 1	Empire Ken	Rivercrest
Curran	Empire Nordic	Salinas
Daleby	Empire Parketson	Salveda
Dilwara	Empire Roach	Snowden Smith
Dispenser	Evan Gibb	Sunkirk
Dunera	Georgina V Everard	Temple Hall
Egida	Glenshiel	Tregenna
England	Granny Suzanne	Windsor
Empire Baltic	Harpagon	Wave Laird
Empire Cedric	Humfrey Gale	

**NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE  
MEDAL WITH CLASP CYPRUS**

120 days service between 1<sup>st</sup> April 1955 and 18<sup>th</sup> April 1959 in stores ships belonging to the Ministry, landing ships tanks serving with the Army, or in Royal Fleet Auxiliaries based on Cyprus ports.

**QUALIFYING VESSELS**

Empire Chubb

Empire Roach

Evan Gibb

Humphrey Gale

Charles Macleod

Snowden Smith

**NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL  
WITH CLASP BORNEO**

In the Merchant Navy the qualifications for this award require an aggregate service of 30 days afloat between the 24<sup>th</sup> December 1962 and the 11<sup>th</sup> August 1966, inclusive, in ships or craft operating on the rivers or inland waters of Sabah, Sarawak or Brunei, or operating off the coast in support of the forces ashore and up river.

**QUALIFYING VESSELS**

Auby

Empire Gannett

Empire Kittiwake

Frederick Clover

Maxwell Brander

Reginald Kerr

Sir Lancelot



## FALKLAND ISLANDS MEDAL

### QUALIFICATIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. Service of 1 day in the Falklands Islands or their dependencies or in the South Atlantic south of 35 degrees south and north of 60 degrees south, or in any operational aircraft sortie south of Ascension Island, between 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1982 and 14<sup>th</sup> June 1982, both dates inclusive.
2. Service of 30 days or more in the South Atlantic south of 7 degrees south and north of 60 degrees south, not necessarily continuous but commencing between 2<sup>nd</sup> April 1982 and 14<sup>th</sup> June 1982, both dates inclusive, and completing not later than 12<sup>th</sup> July 1982.

### LIST OF VESSELS THAT SAILED IN THE FALKLANDS CONFLICT IN 1982

CHARTERED	REQUISITIONED
1.Alvega	1.Atlantic Causeway
2.Ancu Charger	2.Atlantic Conveyor
3.Avelona Star	3.Baltic Ferry
4.Balder London	4.Canberra
5.British Avon	5.Elk
6.British Dart	6.Europic Ferry
7.British Esk	7.Irishman
8.British Forth	8.Nordic Ferry
9.British Tamar	9.Norland
10.British Tay	10.QE2
11.British Test	11.St.Edmund
12.British Trent	12.Salvageman
13.British Wye	13.Stena Seaspread
14.Contender Bezant	14.Uganda
15.CS Iris	15.Wimpey Seahorse
16.Eburna	16.Yorkshireman
17.Fort Toronto	
18.Geestport	
19.Lyacon	
20.Saxonia	
21.Scottish Eagle	
22.Tor Caledonia	

## **THE GULF MEDAL**

**(2nd August 1990 to 7<sup>th</sup> March 1991)**

The Medal will be circular in form and in cupro-nickel. It will bear on the obverse the Crowned Effigy of Her Majesty. The design of the reverse will show a stockless anchor, an SA80 rifle and the Royal Air Force eagle to represent the three Services. The Medal ribbon will be dark blue, red and light blue for the three Services, with pale buff representing the desert.

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

(i) Service of 30 days continuously between 2 August 1990 and 7 March 1991 in Saudi Arabia, Oman, The United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Jordan, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, Republic of Yemen, The Gulf, The Gulf of Oman, The Gulf of Aqaba, The Gulf of Suez and the Suez Canal. The Arabian Sea, The Gulf of Aden and Red Sea bounded to the east by a line from Ras Asir ( 1150N05110E) to a point ( 1600N 06000E ) to Ras Mauri ( 2450N 06635E ); Cyprus and adjacent waters: The Sovereign Base Areas, the airspace and high seas of the eastern Mediterranean (east of 03000E, west of 03400E and south of 3500N); or

(ii) Service of seven days continuously between 16<sup>th</sup> January 1991 and 28 February 1991 in Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Iraq, The United Arab Emirates, Oman, Qata, The Gulf of Oman, the north west Arabian Sea, The Gulf of Aden, The Gulf and the Red Sea; or one operational combat sortie (participating directly in the air campaign and including all Nimrod and air to air refueling missions); or eight sectors in the Arabian Peninsula Flight Information Region by air transport crews; or

(iii) Service in the Kuwait Liaison Team in Kuwait on 2 August 1990

Those who qualify under (ii) and (iii) above will be permitted to wear a distinguishing rosette on the ribbon when no medal is worn. When the Medal is worn, a clasp giving dates as follows will be attached to the Medal:

- a) For (ii) above, a clasp with the dates '16 Jan – 28 Feb 1991'
- b) For (iii) above, a clasp with the date '2 Aug 1990'.

Eligible personnel are:

(i) Regular or Reserve members of the Armed Forces on the attached or posted strength of any Royal Navy Marines, Army and Royal Air Force unit or formation (a) within British Forces Middle East: (b) of British Forces Cyprus; and (c) those serving in Her Majesty's ships in the Eastern Mediterranean:

(ii) Loan Service and Exchange Personnel serving with coalition forces committed to the Gulf Operation;

(iii) Members of Services seconded to the Al Yamamah project and directly supporting Saudi Arabian operational unit;

(iv) Regular or Reserve members of Commonwealth Forces on the attached or posted strength of units (a) within British Forces Middle East; (b) of British Forces Cyprus; and (c) those serving in Her Majesty's ships in the Eastern Mediterranean;

(v) Multinational service personnel serving with British Forces Middle east;

(vi) United Kingdom based members of the Civil Service serving with Her Majesty's Armed Forces in the above specified areas;

(vii) Ministry of Defence accredited war correspondents, photographers and artists; and

(viii) Civilian members of any such organization as may hereafter be determined, who served directly with the armed Forces during the Gulf Operation if they meet the specified criteria as to area and time.

In addition the Gulf Medal may be awarded on the personal recommendation of the Chief of Defence Staff to others who are regarded as particularly deserving but would fall outside the criteria.

If qualifying service is brought to an end before the completion of the specified times on account of death, capture, wounding or other disability due to service, the reduced period of service will be sufficient qualification for the award. The grant of a British Honour, Decoration or Medal of the status of a Queen's Gallantry Medal or above, or a Queen's Commendation or Mention in Dispatches, for gallantry in operations during the qualifying period will also qualify the recipient for the Gulf Medal, even though the full qualifying period has not been served.

Consideration may be given to the award of the Gulf Medal to personnel who have been engaged in especially hazardous operations of comparatively short duration.