



Australian Government

Defence Honours & Awards Tribunal

Terms of Reference

Inquiry into Recognition of Australian Defence Force Service in Somalia between 1992 and 1995

The Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal shall inquire into and report on recognition of Australian Defence Force personnel who served in conjunction with UNOSOM I, UNITAF and UNOSOM II in Somalia, between 1992 and 1995.

In conducting its inquiry the Tribunal shall:

- (a) Examine relevant material and make findings with regard to the recognition of 1st Battalion, Royal Australian Regiment (1RAR), Group during Operation SOLACE between 10 January 1993 and 21 May 1993, and consider the eligibility of 1RAR for a unit citation for that service;
- (b) Consider current policy with regard to Defence honours and awards and make a determination as to the merits of establishing a campaign medal for service in Somalia;
- (c) Consider current policy and recognition for Royal Australian Navy service in Somalia between 1992 and 1995, namely service rendered by HMAS Tobruk and HMAS Jervis Bay, and make recommendations as to the adequacy of such recognition; and
- (d) Examine any other claims of outstanding recognition for ADF service rendered in Somalia between 1992 and 1995 and make recommendations accordingly.

The Tribunal is to report to the Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support on its findings in regard to the above and any recommendations that arise from the inquiry.

In making its findings and formulating its recommendations the Tribunal is required to maintain the integrity of the Australian honours and awards system and identify any consequential impact any finding or recommendation may have on that system.

The Tribunal is to determine its own procedures, in accordance with the general principles of procedural fairness, when conducting its inquiry as set out in these Terms of Reference. In this regard, the Tribunal may interview such persons as it considers appropriate and consider material provided to it that is relevant to these Terms of Reference.

Submissions to the Tribunal close on Monday, 24 August 2009.