

[08/07/1999 Submission Borneo/Indonesian Confrontation, Noel Payne on behalf of the FESR Association](#)

Re: HMA SHIPS BORNEO/INDONESIAN CONFRONTATION & MALAY PENINSULA

There are many anomalies with relation to Royal Australian Navy active service during the Borneo/Indonesian Confrontation and operational service during the Malay Peninsula periods. Most of these anomalies have been the subject of numerous submissions to the Department over many years.

There are personnel who received Campaign Medals (General Service Medal (1962) (Borneo) or (Malay Peninsula) (GSM)) and no Returned from Active Service Badge (RAS Badge). Some received a RAS Badge but no Medal, while others received nothing at all. Most of these anomalies are to do with the number of days, ie. The Navy required 28 or 30 days, whereas the Army and RAAF personnel required 24 hours. Another anomaly occurs because some navy units were not "Allotted".

We request that the Review recommend the following:

1. All Naval personnel that served in the areas of Borneo and Malay Peninsula, for 1 day or more, as defined in Section 2 VEA, between 8 December 1962 and 30 September 1967, be awarded the General Service Medal (1962) (Borneo) or (Malay Peninsula) as is applicable.

2 That all personnel who are awarded the Borneo (Clasp) be also awarded the Returned from Active Service Badge and Qualifying Service. BATTLE HONORS" – HMAS SYDNEY & ESCORTS SHIPS DURING THE WAR IN VIETNAM 1965-1972

Both of these measures could be attended to by issue of an Instrument of Retrospective Allotment, in the case of Borneo, and a Ministerial Notice in relation to Malay Peninsula.

Yours sincerely,

Signed
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