

MEDALS BY RNZN DEPLOYMENT 3 SEPTEMBER 1945 TO 2021

The table below lists the operational service medals and special service medals earned for service on Royal New Zealand Navy (RNZN) deployments since 3 September 1945.

Applications for these medals by ex-RNZN personnel, or their families, should be made, in writing, to NZDF Personnel Archives and Medals, Headquarters New Zealand Defence Force (HQNZDF), Private Bag 905, Upper Hutt 5140, New Zealand. Further information on how to apply for unissued medals and on how to make general enquiries on medal entitlement (or about which medals have already been issued and when) can be found on the NZDF Personnel Archives and Medals website – <https://www.nzdf.mil.nz/nzdf/medal-and-service-records>

The following abbreviations are used in the list below:

ANZUK	Australia New Zealand United Kingdom Force	NZOSM	New Zealand Operational Service Medal
FESR	Far East Strategic Reserve	NZSSM	New Zealand Special Service Medal
GSM	General Service Medal	PJM	Pingat Jasa Malaysia medal (this is an award from the Malaysian Government)
NGSM	Naval General Service Medal	UN Medal	United Nations medal
NZGSM	New Zealand General Service Medal		

If a deployment is not listed below, this means there is no medallic recognition for that deployment.

Deployment	Medal Eligibility
HMNZS Gambia 3 September 1945 to 11 October 1945	NZ Service Medal 1946–1949, NZOSM (for operational service during the occupation of Japan)
HMNZS Achilles 6 October 1945 to 20 January 1946	NZ Service Medal 1946–1949, NZOSM (for operational service during the occupation of Japan)
HMNZS Pukaki 3 July 1950 to 3 December 1950	Korea Medal, UN Medal (Korea), NZOSM, Korean War Service Medal
HMNZS Tutira 3 July 1950 to 30 May 1951	Korea Medal, UN Medal (Korea), NZOSM, Korean War Service Medal
HMNZS Rotoiti 7 October 1950 to 21 November 1951	Korea Medal, UN Medal (Korea), NZOSM, Korean War Service Medal
HMNZS Hawea 2 March 1951 to 8 March 1952	Korea Medal, UN Medal (Korea), NZOSM, Korean War Service Medal
HMNZS Taupo 29 August 1951 to 21 October 1952	Korea Medal, UN Medal (Korea), NZOSM, Korean War Service Medal
HMNZS Rotoiti 7 January 1952 to 19 March 1953	Korea Medal, UN Medal (Korea), NZOSM, Korean War Service Medal
HMNZS Hawea 4 August 1952 to 29 August 1953	Korea Medal, UN Medal (Korea), NZOSM, Korean War Service Medal
HMNZS Kaniere 2 March 1953 to 2 March 1954	Korea Medal, UN Medal (Korea), NZOSM, Korean War Service Medal
HMNZS Pukaki 1 November 1953 to 28 September 1954	UN Medal (Korea), NGSM (Malaya), NZOSM
HMNZS Kaniere November 1954 to March 1955	NZGSM (Korea 1954–57), NGSM (Malaya), NZOSM
HMNZS Black Prince 7 June 1955 to early July 1955	NZOSM only (for 9 days' operational service during the Malayan Emergency)
HMNZS Pukaki August 1955 to July 1956	NZGSM (Korea 1954–57), NGSM (Malaya), NZOSM
HMNZS Kaniere 1 April 1956 to 8 May 1957	NZGSM (Korea 1954–57), NGSM (Malaya), NZOSM
HMNZS Royalist 31 October 1956 to 22 December 1956	NZGSM (Near East) (for service at Suez), NZOSM
HMNZS Pukaki 15 May 1957, 31 May 1957, or 19 June 1957	NZSSM (Nuclear Testing) only
HMNZS Rotoiti 15 May 1957, 31 May 1957, or 19 June 1957	NZSSM (Nuclear Testing) only
HMNZS Royalist 31 August 1957 to 18 June 1958	NZGSM (Korea 1954–57), NGSM (Malaya), NZOSM, PJM

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HMNZS Pukaki 8 November 1957	NZSSM (Nuclear Testing) only
HMNZS Rotoiti 8 November 1957	NZSSM (Nuclear Testing) only
HMNZS Pukaki 28 April 1958	NZSSM (Nuclear Testing) only
HMNZS Rotoiti 22 May 1958 to 11 March 1959	NGSM (Malaya), NZOSM, PJM
HMNZS Pukaki 22 August 1958, 2 September 1958, 11 September 1958, or 23 September 1958	NZSSM (Nuclear Testing) only
HMNZS Royalist February 1959 to June 1959	NZOSM only (for 7 days' operational service during the Malayan Emergency). (Also see Note 1, below)
HMNZS Pukaki 6 June 1959 to 15 March 1960	NGSM (Malaya), NZOSM, PJM
HMNZS Rotoiti 17 April 1960 to 15 February 1961	NGSM (Malaya) (for service up to 31 July 1960), NZOSM, PJM
HMNZS Royalist 22 February 1961 to 12 July 1961	NZOSM, PJM. (The NZOSM has been qualified for by operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Pukaki 9 July 1961 to 23 May 1962	NZOSM, PJM. (The NZOSM has been qualified for by operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Otago 26 November 1961 to 7 December 1961	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Otago 23 February 1962 to 26 March 1962	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR). (Also see Note 1, below)
HMNZS Taranaki 18 May 1962 to 12 March 1963	NZOSM, PJM. (The NZOSM has been qualified for by operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Royalist 14 March 1963 to 26 June 1963	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR). (Also see Note 1, below)
HMNZS Otago 5 June 1963 to 25 November 1963	NZOSM, PJM. (The NZOSM has been qualified for by operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Taranaki 15 December 1963 to 20 August 1964	NZOSM, PJM. (The NZOSM has been qualified for by 8 days' operational service during the Indonesian Confrontation)
HMNZS Royalist 19 May 1964 to 17 July 1964	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR). (Also see Note 1, below)
HMNZS Otago 15 October 1964 to 10 May 1965	GSM (Malay Peninsula), NZOSM, PJM
HMNZS Royalist 20 May 1965 to 29 October 1965	GSM (Malay Peninsula), NZOSM, PJM
HMNZS Santon 10 April 1965 to 25 November 1965	GSM (Malay Peninsula), GSM (Borneo), NZOSM, PJM
HMNZS Hickleton 12 April 1965 to 27 November 1965	GSM (Malay Peninsula), GSM (Borneo), NZOSM, PJM
HMNZS Taranaki 3 November 1965 to 23 April 1966	GSM (Borneo), NZOSM, PJM
HMNZS Santon 26 November 1965 to 20 May 1966	GSM (Malay Peninsula), NZOSM, PJM
HMNZS Hickleton 28 November 1965 to 30 July 1966	GSM (Malay Peninsula), GSM (Borneo), NZOSM, PJM
HMNZS Otago 29 April 1966 to 2 September 1966	GSM (Malay Peninsula), NZOSM. (Also see Note 1, below)
HMNZS Blackpool 8 November 1966 to 21 April 1967	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Taranaki 21 April 1967 to 24 November 1967	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Waikato 6 December 1967 to 2 May 1968	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Otago 10 June 1968 to 24 November 1968	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Blackpool 13 January 1969 to 11 June 1969	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Otago 10 June 1969 to 23 September 1969	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Waikato 11 December 1969 to 15 February 1970	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Taranaki 20 February 1970 to 10 August 1970	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR)

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HMNZS Otago 15 August 1970 to 20 December 1970	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Otago 18 March 1971 to 19 November 1971	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of FESR)
HMNZS Waikato 11 December 1971 to 31 March 1972	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of ANZUK)
HMNZS Taranaki 3 May 1972 to 9 September 1972	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of ANZUK)
HMNZS Waikato 4 September 1972 to 4 January 1973	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of ANZUK)
HMNZS Otago 29 January 1973 to 3 April 1973	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of ANZUK)
HMNZS Taranaki 30 March 1973 to 11 July 1973	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of ANZUK)
HMNZS Otago 22 July 1973	NZSSM (Nuclear Testing) only
HMNZS Canterbury 28 July 1973	NZSSM (Nuclear Testing) only
HMNZS Otago 29 November 1973 to 30 January 1974	NZOSM only (for operational service as part of ANZUK)
RNZN deployments to South East Asia after 31 January 1974	There is no medallic recognition for naval service in South East Asia after 31 January 1974. This is because this service on NZ Force South East (NZFORSEA) from 1 February 1974 to the end of 1989 was not operational service. Later deployments to South East Asia from 1990 to the present are also not operational service.

Operational service in other parts of the world after 31 January 1974:

HMNZS Canterbury 21 June 1982 to 11 August 1982	NZGSM (Indian Ocean) (for service on Op Armilla), NZOSM
HMNZS Waikato 12 August 1982 to 13 November 1982	NZGSM (Indian Ocean) (for service on Op Armilla), NZOSM
HMNZS Canterbury 23 November 1982 to 15 March 1983	NZGSM (Indian Ocean) (for service on Op Armilla), NZOSM
HMNZS Waikato 26 June 1983 to 20 September 1983	NZGSM (Indian Ocean) (for service on Op Armilla), NZOSM
HMNZS Endeavour 28 July 1990 to 5 August 1990	NZOSM only (for 9 days' operational service during the peace talks in Bougainville)
HMNZS Waikato 28 to 31 July 1990 and 2 to 5 August 1990	NZOSM only (for 8 days' operational service during the peace talks in Bougainville)
HMNZS Wellington 29 July 1990 to 3 August 1990, and 5 August 1990	NZOSM only (for 7 days' operational service during the peace talks in Bougainville)
HMNZS Wellington October 1995 to April 1996	NZGSM (Arabian Gulf) (for service on Op Delphic), NZOSM
HMNZS Canterbury May 1996 to September 1996	NZGSM (Arabian Gulf) (for service on Op Delphic), NZOSM
HMNZS Canterbury 23 to 25 July 1997	None (But these three days of operational service off Bougainville on Operation Coracle Phase 3 can be accumulated with any other days of operational service by an individual towards the 7 days' operational service required for the award of the NZOSM).
HMNZS Canterbury 27 November 1997 to 10 December 1997	NZOSM only (for 14 days' operational service off Bougainville)
HMNZS Endeavour 28 November 1997 to 31 January 1998	NZGSM (Bougainville), NZOSM
HMNZS Manawanui 9 December 1997 to 21 February 1998	NZGSM (Bougainville), NZOSM
HMNZS Manawanui 20 March 1999 to 25 May 1999	NZGSM (Bougainville), NZOSM
HMNZS Endeavour 16 September 1999 to 20 October 1999, and late January 2000 to 23 February 2000	East Timor Medal, NZOSM, INTERFET Medal
HMNZS Canterbury 28 September 1999 to 10 December 1999	East Timor Medal, NZOSM, INTERFET Medal
HMNZS Te Kaha September 1999 to January 2000 Note: HMNZS Te Kaha served in the East Timor operational area from 16 September to 25 September 1999, then deployed to the Arabian Gulf.	East Timor Medal, NZGSM (Arabian Gulf), NZOSM
HMNZS Te Mana 10 June 2000 to 21 June 2000	NZOSM only (for 12 days' operational service in the Solomon Islands – Op Purple Haze 1). (Also see Note 2, below).

Deployment	Medal Eligibility
HMNZS Te Kaha 21 June 2000 to 6 July 2000	NZOSM only (for 16 days' operational service in the Solomon Islands – Op Purple Haze 1). (Also see Note 2, below).
HMNZS Te Kaha 24 August 2000 to 13 September 2000	NZOSM only (for 21 days' operational service in the Solomon Islands – Op Purple Haze 2). (Also see Note 2, below).
HMNZS Te Mana 27 April 2001 to 14 May 2001	NZOSM only (for 18 days' operational service in the Solomon Islands – Op Ricochet 1). (Also see Note 2, below).
HMNZS Manawanui October 2001 to February 2002	NZGSM (Solomon Islands), NZOSM
HMNZS Te Kaha 27 November 2002 to 27 March 2003	NZGSM (Afghanistan) secondary operational area, NZOSM
HMNZS Te Mana 28 January 2003 to 4 August 2003	NZGSM (Afghanistan) secondary operational area, NZOSM
HMNZS Te Mana 7 April 2004 to 1 September 2004	NZGSM (Afghanistan) secondary operational area, NZOSM
HMNZS Te Mana 4 May 2008 to 1 August 2008	NZGSM (Afghanistan) secondary operational area, NZOSM
HMNZS Canterbury 14 and 15 August 2009	None (But these two days of official visitor operational service in Timor-Leste in support of NZDF Task Group Gyro and the Australian Defence Force can be accumulated with any other days of operational service by an individual towards the 30 days' official visitor operational service required for the award of the NZOSM).
HMNZS Te Mana 23 November 2013 to 21 February 2014	NZGSM (Counter-Piracy), NZOSM. Personnel who served on HMNZS Te Mana from 23 January 2014 to 21 February 2014 also qualified for the NATO Medal 'Africa'.
HMNZS Te Kaha 7 May 2015 to 17 June 2015	NZGSM (Greater Middle East), NZOSM

Note 1: Personnel who served on two or more of the following five RNZN deployments may be eligible for the Pingat Jasa Malaysia (PJM) medal, if their total number of days of qualifying service (as indicated in brackets) is 90 days or more:

- HMNZS Royalist – 25 March 1959 to 10 June 1959 (53.5 days' qualifying service)
- HMNZS Otago – 23 February 1962 to 26 March 1962 (27 days' qualifying service)
- HMNZS Royalist – 14 March 1963 to 26 June 1963 (75.5 days' qualifying service)
- HMNZS Royalist – 19 May 1964 to 17 July 1964 (33 days' qualifying service)
- HMNZS Otago – 29 April 1966 to 2 September 1966 (67.5 days' qualifying service)

Note 2: Personnel who completed two or more of the following periods of service off Honiara, and who accumulated 30 days' operational service, qualify for the award of the NZGSM (Solomon Islands):

- HMNZS Te Mana – 10 June 2000 to 21 June 2000 (12 days' operational service)
- HMNZS Te Kaha – 21 June 2000 to 6 July 2000 (16 days' operational service)
- HMNZS Te Kaha – 24 August 2000 to 13 September 2000 (21 days' operational service)
- HMNZS Te Mana – 27 April 2001 to 14 May 2001 (18 days' operational service)

Personnel who only completed one of the above periods of service off Honiara do not qualify for the NZGSM (Solomon Islands), but do qualify for the award of the New Zealand Operational Service Medal (NZOSM), for between 7 days' and 29 days' operational service in the Solomon Islands, if they have not already been awarded the NZOSM for other service.