

SOUTH ATLANTIC MEDAL
Falklands War 1982

18 January 2016

TERMS

Awarded for a minimum of 1 day service in the Falkland or South Georgia islands (within 35° and 60° South latitude or do at least one operational of Ascension Island) between 02 April and 14 June 1982). These personnel qualified for the rosette.

or

30 days continuous or accumulated time in the operational zone (between 7° and 60° South latitude) including the Ascension Island between 02 April and 12 July 1982 who qualified for the former are allowed to wear a silver rosette on the ribbon.



BAR

Those who served in the Falkland or South Georgia islands are allowed to wear a silver rosette on the ribbon.

DESCRIPTION

A circular, silver (cupro-nickel) medal, 36-mm in diameter.

OBVERSE

The crowned Jubilee head of Queen Elizabeth II looking right with the legend ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA FID. DEF.

REVERSE

The coat of arms of the Falklands Islands is in the centre with below it on a ribbon in small letters, the motto, DESIRE THE RIGHT. Around the top of the rim are the words SOUTH ATLANTIC MEDAL.

MOUNTING

A straight bar attached to the top of the medal.

RIBBON

The 32-mm wide ribbon has a central stripe of sea green flanked on each side by stripes of white with empire blue edges, shaded and watered (similar to the Atlantic Star). If a rosette was awarded, a rosette would be worn on the ribbon in undress.

NAMING

Around the rim in impressed capital letters.

ISSUED

Approximately 30,000 medals awarded.

DATES

Authorized in 1982.

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¹ HRH The Duke of York, KG, KCVO, CD (Prince Andrew) wears this as his first medal on his medal bar – He is the Colonel Commandant of the Queen's York Rangers and the Royal Highland Fusiliers of Canada for the Canadian Forces

GULF MEDAL

TERMS



The medal alone was awarded to personnel for thirty days continuous service in the Middle East (in a defined area of operations, including Cyprus) between 2 August 1990 and 7 March 1991. Details on the medal with bar follow.

BARS

2 Aug 1990

Awarded to the members of the British Kuwait Liaison Team who were in Kuwait on this date.

16 Jan to 28 Feb 1991

Awarded for seven days continuous service between these dates in the designated Theatre of Operations (the actual ground war).

DESCRIPTION

A circular, silver (cupro-nickel) medal, 36-mm in diameter.

OBVERSE

The crowned Jubilee head of Queen Elizabeth II, facing right, with the legend ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA FID. DEF.

REVERSE

An eagle (RAF) and automatic rifle (Army) superimposed on an anchor (RN and Royal Marines) with the words THE GULF MEDAL around the top rim and the date 1990-91 around the bottom rim.

MOUNTING

A straight bar attached to the top of the medal.

RIBBON

The 32-mm wide *sand* ribbon has *dark blue* for the navy (outer edge), *red* for the army and *light blue* for the Royal Air Force edges. If a bar was awarded, a rosette is worn on the ribbon in undress.

NAMING

Around the rim in impressed capital letters.

ISSUED

Approximately 59,687 medals awarded British Servicemen

With Bar 2 Aug 1990: 66

With bar 16 Jan to 28 Feb 1991: 47,316

To civilians including Canadian, American, Australian, British, and New Zealand members of British Aerospace working at Dahrhan and Riyadh with the bar 15 Jan to 28 Feb 1991: 1,500

DATES

Authorized in 1992.

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² Lieutenant-Colonel Brian Travis, MVO, CD received this medal.

Lieutenant-Colonel Travis also received the American Bronze Star and is a Member of the Royal Victorian Order.