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FREE REPLACEMENT OF LOST MEDALS

Earlier this year, Senator J. E. Marriott of Tasmania asked a Question Without Notice in regard to medals lost in the Tasmanian bushfires.

Mr Holt today sent the following reply to the Senator:-

"Dear Senator Marriott,

On 18th April, 1967, you asked the Leader of the Government in the Senate a Question Without Notice concerning Service Awards and Decorations lost in the recent bushfires in Tasmania.

It is the practice to replace Campaign Stars, Decorations, etc., on production of a Statutory Declaration setting out the circumstances of loss or destruction .

In the past, a small charge (including package and postage) has been made to cover the actual cost of the item to the Service Department concerned.

I have now decided that free replacement will be made to all ex-servicemen who can satisfactorily explain, by Statutory Declaration, the loss of the original free issue. This, of course, will apply to ex-servicemen who lost their medals in the Tasmanian bushfires.

My colleague, the Treasurer, has been asked to refund any amount charged to ex-servicemen who have applied and paid for replacement consequent on the bushfires.

Yours sincerely,

HAROLD HOLT. "

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CANBERRA,  
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