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THE EFFICIENCY MEDAL REGULATIONS 1954

Approved:

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PURSUANT to divers Royal Warrants* dated respectively the 23rd day of September 1930, the 1st day of February 1940, the 26th day of August 1944, the 4th day of April 1946, and the 10th day of May 1946 relating to the instituting and creating of the Efficiency Medal, and subject to Her Majesty's approval, the Minister of Defence hereby makes the following regulations for the purposes of the Efficiency Medal in relation to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers (including women) of the New Zealand Territorial Force.

REGULATIONS

1. These regulations may be cited as the Efficiency Medal Regulations 1954.

Purpose

2. The Efficiency Medal and clasps are rewards for long and meritorious service by warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers (including women) in the Territorial Army of Great Britain or other auxiliary forces of the Commonwealth, and, in New Zealand, are conferred only on warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers (including women) of the New Zealand Territorial Force who have performed the requisite qualifying service under these regulations:

Provided that prior service in the auxiliary forces of any other part of the Commonwealth, duly certified, shall count towards the requisite qualifying service as hereinafter appearing.

Subsidiary Title

3. A subsidiary title to denote the force in which the recipient was serving at the time he qualified for the award is inscribed on the bar brooch of the medal, those medals awarded to the aforesaid personnel of the New Zealand Territorial Force being so inscribed with the title "New Zealand".

Interpretation

4. In these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires,—

"Auxiliary forces of the Commonwealth" means the Royal New Zealand Naval Volunteer Reserve, the New Zealand Territorial Force, and the New Zealand Territorial Air Force, the Territorial Army, the Auxiliary Territorial Service, the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force in the United Kingdom, and other similar forces of any other part of the Commonwealth:

* Statutory Regulations 1954, Serial number 1954/8, page 23.

“Commonwealth” means the British Commonwealth of Nations; and includes every territory for whose international relations the Government of any country of the Commonwealth is or has been responsible.

Eligibility

5. The medal is granted to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers (including women) of the New Zealand Territorial Force who, on or after the 23rd day of September 1931, completed twelve years' continuous efficient service, including attendance at a minimum of ten annual training camps, and who are recommended for the award by their Commanding Officer:

Provided that service during the period from the 3rd day of September 1939 to the 1st day of March 1950 inclusive need not have been continuous.

6. The undermentioned periods, though not counting as qualifying service for the award of the medal, shall not be considered as a break in the twelve years' continuous qualifying service for the medal:

- (a) Periods of not more than twelve months between service in auxiliary forces in different parts of the Commonwealth:
- (b) Intervals of not more than six months between periods of service in the New Zealand Territorial Force or other authorized auxiliary forces in New Zealand, where the interval is not due to the fault of the individual:
- (c) Service in any of the regular forces of New Zealand or of any other part of the Commonwealth, or in the Reserve of any such forces:
- (d) Intervals between service in the regular forces of New Zealand, the New Zealand Territorial Force, the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force, the New Zealand Temporary Staff, the National Military Reserve, or the New Zealand Home Guard during the period from the 3rd day of September 1939 to the 1st day of March 1950 inclusive:
- (e) Service in the Territorial Reserve:
- (f) Periods of leave of absence from active duties with unit granted under Army Regulations or Army Standing Orders:
- (g) Periods of desertion or absence without leave of warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, or soldiers (including women) of the New Zealand Territorial Force during any period of full time service or any period of training:
Provided that they continue to serve after the offence has been dealt with:
- (h) Periods of detention or imprisonment during annual training or any period of full time service.

Double Qualifying Service

7. (1) Warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers (including women) serving in the New Zealand Territorial Force, or Class I or II of the National Military Reserve on the 2nd day of September 1939 who were mobilized or enlisted for full-time service in the Territorial Force, the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force, the New Zealand Temporary Staff, the National Military Reserve, or the New Zealand Home Guard may reckon such service (including commissioned service) as double qualifying service from the date on which they commenced full time duty until the date on which they ceased full time duty (including any leave due on the expiry thereof) or were appointed to the Regular Force, whichever date is the earlier.

(2) No such service as aforesaid subsequent to the 1st day of April 1949 shall be counted as double qualifying service.

(3) Service in West Africa before the 3rd day of September 1939 shall, if properly certified, count as double qualifying service, but any period spent on leave therefrom shall count only as single qualifying service.

Single Qualifying Service

8. The following service (not being service that has been previously counted as qualifying service for any Long Service, Good Conduct, or Efficiency Medal or clasp) shall be taken into account as single qualifying service:

(a) Service in an authorized auxiliary force of the Commonwealth, including, in New Zealand, the Territorial Force, or Class I or II of the National Military Reserve, in which training in peacetime is a prescribed condition of service:

Provided that the service has been efficient according to the regulations of the force in which it was rendered:

(b) Service in the Royal New Zealand Navy, the New Zealand Regular Force, the 2nd New Zealand Expeditionary Force, the New Zealand Temporary Staff, or the Royal New Zealand Air Force during the period from the 3rd day of September 1939 to the 1st day of March 1950 inclusive:

Provided that the individual concerned enlisted in the Territorial Force before the latter date.

Training Equivalent

9. (1) Personnel who enlisted in the Territorial Force on or after the 3rd day of September 1939 may count a period of full time continuous service of not less than two months in any one calendar year as the training for that year, but, except as provided in subclause (2) of this regulation, not more than one such period may be counted in any one calendar year.

(2) Personnel who are entitled to count full time service twofold under regulation 7 hereof may count a period of two months of that service as the equivalent of two annual trainings:

Provided that not more than two of such periods, including equivalent service under subclause (1) of this regulation, shall be reckoned in any one calendar year for this purpose.

Clasp to the Efficiency Medal

10. (1) Warrant officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers (including women) who, having been awarded the medal,—

(a) Complete a further six years' qualifying service reckoned as hereinbefore provided, over and above the initial twelve years required for the medal; and

(b) Attend at least five annual training camps during those six years; and

(c) Are certified each year as being efficient according to the regulations of the force in which the service was rendered—

shall be entitled to a clasp, to be worn on the ribbon of the medal.

(2) A further clasp shall be awarded for every subsequent period of six years' efficient service completed as aforesaid.

(3) In undress and in service uniform when ribbons only are worn, the grant of clasps shall be denoted by the wearing on the ribbon of a small silver rose or roses according to the number of clasps awarded; such rose or roses, as the case may be, will not be worn on the ribbon when the medal itself is worn.

Wearing With Other Long Service Decorations or Medals

11. The Efficiency Medal and any clasp may be worn with the Efficiency Decoration and any clasp, or with any other medal awarded for long service or good conduct only if the full qualifying service in respect of each such award has been completed separately.

Applications for Medal

12. (1) Applications for the medal shall be made on Army form N.Z. 76A, and shall be forwarded to Army Headquarters through the normal channels. The Divisional or District, etc., Commander must certify the applicants as being efficient and thoroughly capable, and in every way deserving of the Efficiency Medal. Personnel concerned who are no longer serving shall forward their applications through the unit in which they completed their qualifying service for the medal or, if the unit has been disbanded, directly to Army Headquarters. All such applications must be recommended by the officer who commanded the unit at the time when the applicant completed his qualifying service, and if that officer is not available, the unit shall state the fact on the application when forwarding it to Army Headquarters for consideration.

(2) All awards of the medal shall be subject to the approval of the Adjutant-General, and the names of those upon whom he confers the medal shall be published in New Zealand Army Orders, and a register of the awards shall be kept and maintained at Army Headquarters.

Forfeiture and Restoration

13. Any person to whom the medal has been awarded who has deserted the forces or suffers death through sentence of Court-martial, or is cashiered, dismissed, or removed from the forces for misconduct, shall forfeit the medal and any clasp or clasps.

14. Any person to whom the medal has been awarded, or who may be entitled to the medal or to any clasp or clasps, who is convicted of an offence of treason, sedition, mutiny, cowardice, desertion, or disgraceful conduct of an unnatural kind, or who is convicted of a criminal offence by the civil power, shall forfeit the medal and any clasp or clasps, or any entitlement thereto.

15. In any case in which the medal has been forfeited under these regulations, the Army Board may approve of the restoration of the medal and any clasp or clasps.

Dated at Wellington, this 13th day of January 1954.

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Minister of Defence.

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