

2. The regulations relative to the award of the under-mentioned decoration and medals are hereby revoked as from 22nd September, 1931:—

- (i) Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration. (Para. 17.)
- (ii) Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long-service Medal. (Para. 18.)
- (iii) Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct. (Paras. 19 and 21.)
- (iv) New Zealand Long and Efficient Service Medal (Para. 23.)
- (v) New Zealand Territorial Service Medal. (Para. 24.)

The award of the above-mentioned decoration and medals will, however, continue to be awarded to those officers and other ranks of the New Zealand Territorial Force who completed the requisite service for them prior to the 23rd September, 1931.

3. The following regulations governing the award of the Efficiency Decoration, the Efficiency Medal, and the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military) are hereby made in pursuance of Royal Warrants dated 23rd September, 1930, and will have effect as from 23rd September, 1931.

Appendix VIII, page 217.—Under the heading "Conditions of Issue of Decorations and Medals" insert the following:—

THE EFFICIENCY DECORATION.

General.

17. (1) The Efficiency Decoration consists of an oak wreath in silver tied with gold, having in the centre the Royal Cipher and Crown in gold.

(2) It will be worn suspended from the left breast from a silver bar-brooch by a green riband $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. in width, with a yellow stripe down the centre.

Forces whose Members are eligible for the Decoration.

(3) The Efficiency Decoration is conferred on duly qualified commissioned officers of the Territorial Army of Great Britain and of any other Auxiliary Military Forces in the British Empire. In New Zealand it shall be conferred by the Governor-General only on officers of the New Zealand Territorial Force (including the Reserve of Officers of that Force), but prior service in the Auxiliary Forces (*i.e.*, other than Permanent Forces) of any other part of the Empire, duly certified, will count towards the requisite qualifying period.

Subsidiary Title.

(4) The Royal Warrant provides that the decoration shall bear on the bar-brooch a subsidiary title to denote the Force in which at time of award the recipient was serving. Those awarded to officers of the New Zealand Territorial Force will be so inscribed with the title "New Zealand."

Qualifying Service.

(5) To be eligible for the decoration an officer must be or have been a commissioned officer serving on or after 23rd September, 1931, and have completed twenty years' qualifying service, such service being reckoned in accordance with the following subparagraphs:—

- (a) Commissioned service which reckons as single qualifying service:—
 - (i) On the active list of the New Zealand Territorial Force.
 - (ii) On the active list of the New Zealand Volunteer Force which existed prior to 17th March, 1911.
 - (iii) On the active list of the authorized Auxiliary Forces* of the Empire, such service to be qualifying service under the Efficiency Decoration Regulations applicable to the Auxiliary Force in which rendered.
 - (iv) For the actual period of any embodied service other than service covered by the other subparagraphs of this paragraph.
 - (v) On the Reserve of Officers of the New Zealand Territorial Force in any one year in which training equivalent to that required of officers on the active list has been carried out.
 - (vi) In the Royal Navy, the Regular Army, the Royal Air Force, New Zealand Expeditionary Force, or a Permanent Force of a British Dominion or Colony during the period 4th August, 1914, and 31st December, 1921, provided that the officer was commissioned between 4th August, 1914, and 11th November, 1918, and subsequently obtained a commission in an Auxiliary Force.

* The term "authorized Auxiliary Forces of the Empire" means for the purposes of the Efficiency Decoration the Territorial Force of New Zealand, the Territorial Army, Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and the Auxiliary Air Force in Great Britain and similar forces in the Dominions, Colonies, &c., in which there are similar obligations for training in peace; it excludes the Army Reserve and the Militia of Great Britain and such like forces.

(b) Commissioned service in West Africa will reckon twofold as qualifying service, but any period spent on leave therefrom will reckon only as single qualifying service.

(c) Half of any time served in the ranks of any of the Auxiliary Forces of the Empire, or in the ranks of the Yeomanry Cavalry, Imperial Yeomanry, or Volunteer Force of Great Britain which existed before 1st April, 1908, after attaining the age of seventeen years; or in the ranks of the Royal Navy, the Regular Army, the Royal Air Force, or the Permanent Force of a Dominion or Colony during the period 4th August, 1914, to 31st December, 1921, or in a recognized O.T. or Cadet Corps* after attaining the age of seventeen years, will reckon as qualifying service towards the requisite twenty years.

(6) An officer of the New Zealand Territorial Force, who was serving on a voluntary agreement in any authorized Auxiliary Force of the Empire or its Reserves on the 4th August, 1914, shall be entitled, provided he actually served, or was attested and thereby accepted the obligation for service beyond the boundaries of the Dominion, Colony, &c., in the forces of which he was serving on the 4th August, 1914, to count as twofold all embodied service as an officer on the active list between 4th August, 1914, and 31st December, 1921, and all such embodied service in the ranks on the active list between those dates as full single qualifying service towards the twenty years required, whether such service was in the Naval Forces, Military Forces, or Air Forces of any part of the Empire: Provided that this paragraph shall not apply to embodied service in the New Zealand or any other forces rendered in the performance of training that would have been required if a state of war had not existed prior to the 31st December, 1921.

(7) In the cases of recipients of the Volunteer Officers' Decoration, the Territorial Decoration, and the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration, no period of service in the force in which they qualified for any one of those decorations shall be reckoned as qualifying service for the Efficiency Decoration.

Service—

- (a) As a member of any Permanent Force of the Empire, on the permanent staff of the Territorial Army of Great Britain or of any of the Auxiliary Forces of the Empire, except as may be provided in paragraphs (5) (a) (vi) and (5) (c) above;
- (b) In any Reserve or Auxiliary Forces involving a liability for service only and no liability for training in peace; shall not reckon as qualifying service.

(8) The service required to qualify for the Efficiency Decoration shall not necessarily be continuous.

(9) The recipient of any Long Service and Good Conduct Medal or Efficiency Medal or Clasp (including the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal, the New Zealand Long and Efficient Service Medal, and the New Zealand Territorial Service Medal) shall not be permitted to wear such medals or clasps with the Efficiency Decoration until he has completed the full periods of qualifying service in respect of each medal or clasp and the decoration, no qualifying service towards one award being permitted to count for this purpose towards the other.

(10) An officer who has the necessary qualifying service must be recommended by the Commanding Officer of the Unit in which he completes the period of service requisite to qualify for the decoration, and be certified by the Officer Commanding the Command in which he is serving as an efficient and thoroughly capable officer in every way deserving of the Efficiency Decoration. All awards will be subject to the approval of the Governor-General.

(11) An officer of the New Zealand Military Forces awarded the Efficiency Decoration shall be entitled to the addition after his name of the letters E.D.

(12) The names of those officers upon whom the Governor-General confers the decoration will be published in General Orders, and a register of the awards will be maintained at General Headquarters.

Forfeiture and Restoration.

(13) An officer awarded the Efficiency Decoration who has deserted from the Forces during hostilities, or who suffers death by sentence of Court-martial, or who is cashiered, dismissed, or removed from the Defence Forces for misconduct shall, on the approval of the Governor-General, forfeit the decoration.

(14) On the approval of the Governor-General an officer to whom the decoration has been awarded, or who may be entitled to it, shall forfeit the decoration on conviction of an

* A recognized O.T. or Cadet Corps is, for the purposes of the Efficiency Decoration, one which both forms an integral part of the military system of the Dominion, Colony, &c., in which it exists, and in which also the Cadet is required to undergo supervised military training and to attain annually a certain standard of military efficiency.