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The Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military)

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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Her other Realms and Territories Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these presents shall come, Greetings!

WHEREAS His late Majesty King George V, by a Warrant under his Sign Manual dated the 23rd day of September 1930, was pleased to make, ordain and establish rules and ordinances for the governance of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal;

AND WHEREAS His late Majesty King Edward VIII, by a Warrant under his Sign Manual dated the 31st day of March 1936 did amend the Eighth Clause governing the award of the said medal to natives;

AND WHEREAS His late Majesty King George VI, by a Warrant under His Sign Manual dated the 26th day of August 1944 did ordain that a Clasp may be awarded after a further eighteen years service;

AND WHEREAS His late Majesty King George VI, by a Warrant under His Sign Manual dated the 1st day of May 1947, did amend the date of eligibility for the award of the Medal and Clasp to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers' and men who are subsequently granted a commission;

AND WHEREAS by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 9th day of February 1955, We did ordain that women members of Our Regular Army of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the Other Permanent Forces of Our Other Realms and Territories shall be eligible to qualify for the award of the said Medal and Clasp;

AND WHEREAS We deem it expedient that all the aforesaid Warrants, as well as the amendments now to be promulgated, should be incorporated in one Warrant;

NOW THEREFORE We do hereby declare that the rules and ordinances contained in the said Warrants dated the 23rd day of September, 1930, the 31st day of March, 1936, the 26th day of August, 1944, the 1st day of May, 1947, and the 9th day of February, 1955, shall be abrogated, cancelled and annulled and We are pleased to make, ordain and establish the following rules and ordinances in substitution for the same which shall, from the 1st day of December 1977, be inviolably observed and kept:--

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Firstly:

It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated "The Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military)".

Secondly:

It is ordained that the Medal shall be of silver and shall bear in relief on the obverse the Royal and Crowned Effigy and on the reverse the inscription "For Long Service and Good Conduct".

Thirdly:

It is ordained that the Medal shall be worn suspended on the left breast by a crimson ribbon, edged white, one inch and a quarter in width.

Fourthly:

It is ordained that the Medal shall in all cases bear a subsidiary title to denote whether at the time the recipient qualified for the award of the Medal he was serving in Our Regular Army or in one of the Other Permanent Forces of Our Other Realms and Territories. Such subsidiary title to denote services in Our Regular Army being specified as "Regular Army" and this title to be inscribed on a bar attached to the mount of the Medal.

Fifthly:

It is ordained that the Medal shall be awarded to warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Our Regular Army and of the Other Permanent Forces of Our Other Realms and Territories who complete fifteen years' service as defined in the regulations hereinafter mentioned and whose character and conduct have been irreproachable and who are recommended by their Commanding Officers. It is further ordained that warrant officers, non-commissioned officers or men who complete a further fifteen years' service, as defined in the regulations hereinafter mentioned, reckoned from the qualifying date for the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military) as shown in Awards Lists to Defence Council Instructions or, who, in cases where the date of qualification has not been published in Awards Lists to Defence Council Instructions at the time of the award, complete a second period of fifteen years' service beginning the day following the date of completion of the first period of approved qualifying service, and whose character and conduct have been irreproachable, and who are specially recommended by their Commanding Officer, shall, if in possession of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military) be awarded a clasp to be attached to the ribbon by which the medal is suspended, such additional award being without pecuniary benefit or gain.

Sixthly:

It is ordained that warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Our Regular Army and of the Other Permanent Forces of Our Other Realms and Territories appointed to a Commission in Our Regular Army or Other Permanent Forces of Our Other Realms and Territories, shall be eligible to qualify for the award of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military), without gratuity, on completion of fifteen years' service, provided that not less than twelve years' service was completed in the ranks of Our Regular Army or Other Permanent Forces of Our Other Realms and Territories.

It is further ordained that warrant officers, non-commissioned officers and men of Our Regular Army and the Other Permanent Forces of Our Other Realms and Territories appointed to a Commission in Our Regular Army or other Permanent Forces of Our Other Realms and Territories, who complete the first seven years of the second period of approved qualifying service in the ranks of Our Regular Army or Other Permanent Forces of Our Other Realms and Territories, shall, if in possession of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (Military), be eligible to qualify for the award of a clasp to be attached to the ribbon by which the Medal is suspended, such additional award being without pecuniary benefit or gain.

Seventhly:

It is ordained that service as aforesaid rendered by a soldier from the age of seventeen and a half years' or date of enlistment on a Regular Army engagement if later shall reckon as qualifying service for the Medal.

Eighthly:

It is ordained that service in a Reserve or in any Militia, Territorial, Volunteer or Auxiliary Military Force or in any other force or organisation not involving whole-time military service shall not reckon as qualifying service for the Medal, except that when such Reserve, Militia, or Force is mobilized, embodied or called out on permanent service in an emergency, the period during which a member of such Reserve, Militia or Force is actually employed on whole-time service shall reckon as qualifying service.

Ninthly:

It is ordained that it shall be competent for Our Defence Council in regard to Our Regular Army or, for the Governors-General, Governors or Officers administering the Government, as the case may be, in regard to the Permanent Force of one of Our Other Realms and Territories, to cancel and annul the award of the Medal to any person, together with the award which may be granted under the regulations

hereinafter mentioned of any gratuity appertaining thereto not already paid, and also to restore a forfeited Medal, together with any such gratuity, under the conditions laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

Tenthly:

It is ordained that the Medal shall be awarded under such regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration, and other matters in amplification of these Our rules and ordinances as may, with Our approval signified through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, be issued from time to time by Our Defence Council in regard to Our Regular Army or by the Governors-General, Governors or Officers administering the Government as the case may be, in regard to the Permanent Forces of Our Other Realms and Territories.

Eleventhly:

It is ordained that women members of Our Regular Army of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of the Permanent full-time Army Forces of Our Other Realms and Territories shall be eligible to qualify for the award of the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military) under the same terms as those applying to other personnel of the aforesaid Land Forces.

Lastly:

We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this
twenty-seventh day of April
in the 27th year of Our Reign and in
the year of Our Lord one thousand nine
hundred and seventy-eight.

By Her Majesty's Command,

Francois Gillis