

The Efficiency Decoration

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Royal Warrant

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, Queen, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS His late Majesty, King George V, by a Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual dated the 23rd day of September, 1930, was pleased to make, ordain and establish rules and ordinances for the governance of The Efficiency Decoration, reserving to Himself, His Heirs and Successors full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting and dispensing with these rules and ordinances or any part thereof, by a notification under Royal Sign Manual;

AND WHEREAS the said Royal warrant was amended by Royal Warrants dated the 1st day of February, 1940, the 4th day of April, 1946, the 8th day of April, 1949, the 8th day of August, 1949, and the 6th day of August, 1951;

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 1st day of February, 1940, the 4th day of April, 1946, the 8th day of April, 1949, the 8th day of August, 1949, and the 6th day of August, 1951, 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 henceforth be inviolably observed and kept:-

Firstly:-

It is ordained that the Decoration shall be styled and designated "The Efficiency Decoration" and shall consist of an oak wreath in silver tied with gold, having in the centre the Royal Cypher and Crown in gold.

Secondly:-

It is ordained that the Decoration shall be worn suspended on the left breast from a silver bar-brooch by a green riband one inch and a half in width, with a yellow stripe down the centre.

Thirdly:-

It is ordained that the Decoration shall in all cases bear a subsidiary title to denote whether at the time the recipient qualified for the award of the Decoration he was serving in Our Territorial Army or in one of our other Auxiliary Military Forces, that is to say in an Auxiliary Military Force in any of Our Colonies or a territory under Our protection, or within any other part of Other Dominions, Our Government whereof shall desire to take part in the grant of the award, or within any territory under Our protection administered by Us in such Government, such subsidiary title being specified in the regulations hereinafter mentioned and inscribed on the bar-brooch of the Decoration.

Fourthly:-

It is ordained that the Decoration may be worn by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, Queens and Kings Regnant of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas; and that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to confer at Our Pleasure the Decoration upon any Princes or Princesses of the Blood Royal.

Fifthly:-

It is ordained that the Decoration shall be conferred on duly qualified commissioned officers of Our Territorial Army and of any of Our other Auxiliary Military Forces in any of Our Colonies or a territory under Our protection, or within any other part of Our Dominions, Our Government whereof shall desire to take part in the grant of the award, or within any territory under Our protection administered by Us in such Government.

It is further ordained that the Decoration shall be conferred on duly qualified commissioned officers of Our former Auxiliary Territorial Service and that the provisions of this Our Warrant so far as they relate to officers of our Territorial Army shall apply to officers of Our former Auxiliary Territorial Service.

Sixthly:-

It is ordained that the period of service requisite to qualify for the Decoration shall be twenty years' commissioned service, which shall not necessarily be continuous, on the active list of any of Our Auxiliary Military Forces of Our Commonwealth, except our Territorial Army, Our New Zealand Territorial Force and the authorised Volunteer Forces in Our Colonies and territories under Our protection (hereinafter referred to as Our Colonial Volunteer Forces), and shall be twelve years' continuous efficient commissioned service on the active list of Our Territorial Army, Our New Zealand Territorial Force or Our Colonial Volunteer Forces, subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned, provided always that in the case of recipients of The Volunteer Officers' Decoration, The Territorial Decoration and The Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration no period of service rewarded by any of the Decorations aforesaid shall be reckoned as qualifying service for The Efficiency Decoration.

Seventhly:-

It is ordained that commissioned service rendered wholly in one of the aforesaid forces; or partly in Our Territorial Army or our Colonial Volunteer Forces, partly in one or more of Our other Auxiliary Military Forces of Our Commonwealth, or partly in Our Naval or Air Auxiliary or Volunteer Forces of Our Commonwealth as may be defined in the regulations hereinafter mentioned shall reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

It is further ordained that commissioned service rendered in Categories A and B of Our former Supplementary Reserve of Officers or in Categories S.R. I(A) and S.R.II(A) of our former Supplementary Reserve of Officers as reconstituted in 1948 or in Categories E.R.I(A) and E.R.II(A) of Our Army Emergency Reserve of Officers shall, in the case of a commissioned officer serving on the active list of Our Territorial Army, reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned, and provided that such time shall not have been, and shall not be, reckoned as qualifying service towards The Army Emergency Reserve Decoration or Clasps to that award, or any similar awards.

Eighthly:-

It is ordained that half the time served on the active list in the ranks of the forces specified in the Sixth Clause of this Our Warrant shall reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration, subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

It is further ordained that half the time served in the ranks of our former Supplementary Reserve or in Categories S.R. I(A) and S.R.II(A) and S.R.III of Our former Supplementary Reserve as reconstituted in 1948 or in Categories E.R.I(A) and E.R.II(A) and E.R.III of Our Army Emergency Reserve shall, in the case of a commissioned officer serving on the active list of Our Territorial Army, reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned and provided that such time shall not have been, and shall not be reckoned as qualifying service for The Army Emergency Reserve Decoration or Clasps to that award, or any similar awards.

Ninthly:-

It is ordained that half the time spent after the age of 17 years in the ranks of a Cadet Force or as a cadet in an Officers' Training Corps, as defined in the regulations hereinafter mentioned, shall reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration subject to such conditions as may be laid down in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

Tenthly:-

It is ordained that such war service as may be defined from time to time in the regulations hereinafter mentioned shall reckon as two-fold qualifying service, or as single qualifying service, or as half qualifying service towards the total service required as aforesaid; and that war service not so defined shall not reckon as qualifying service.

Eleventhly:-

It is ordained that service on the permanent staff of any of the aforesaid forces by members of Our permanent forces of Our Commonwealth, or service in a Reserve or Auxiliary Force involving a liability for service only and no liability for training in peace, shall not reckon as qualifying service for the Decoration.

Twelfthly:-

It is ordained that service shall not be reckoned as qualifying service for The Efficiency Decoration if such service has already been reckoned towards any Long Service and Good Conduct or Efficiency Medal or Clasps except as provided in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

Thirteenthly:-

It is ordained that officers who have the necessary qualifying service shall not be awarded the Decoration unless they are recommended by the Commanding Officer of the unit in which they complete the period of service requisite to qualifying for the Decoration, and are certified by the responsible military authorities as efficient and thoroughly capable officers in every way deserving of the Decoration.

Fourteenthly:-

It is ordained that service in an honorary capacity of whatsoever nature shall not reckon as qualifying service towards the award of the Decoration in the case of commissioned officers of Our Territorial Army or Our Colonial Volunteer Forces.

Fifteenthly:-

It is ordained that a Clasp to be worn on the riband of the Decoration shall be awarded to duly qualified commissioned officers of Our Territorial Army, or Our New Zealand Territorial Force, or Our Colonial Volunteer Forces who, having had the Decoration conferred on them in respect of twelve years' continuous efficient commissioned service, complete a total of eighteen years' continuous efficient service, reckoned in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Our Warrant, and a further Clasp shall be awarded for each additional completed period of six years continuous efficient service reckoned as aforesaid.

It is further ordained that the Clasp to be worn on the riband of the Decoration shall be awarded to commissioned officers of Our Colonial Volunteer Forces, who, having had the Decoration conferred upon them in respect of twenty years' service which was not necessarily continuous, complete a further six years' continuous efficient service reckoned in accordance with the foregoing provisions of this Our Warrant, and a further clasp shall be awarded for each additional completed period of six years' continuous efficient service reckoned as aforesaid.

Sixteenthly:-

It is ordained that the Decoration shall not confer any individual precedence but shall entitle the recipient, if any officer of Our Territorial Army, to the additional after his name of the letters "T.D." and, if an officer of one of the other Auxiliary Military Forces of Our Commonwealth, to the addition after his name of the letters "E.D."

Seventeenthly:-

It is ordained that reproductions of the Decoration and Clasps in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those upon whom the Decoration or one or more Clasps have been conferred, shall be half the size of The Efficiency Decoration and Clasps respectively, and that a Sealed Pattern of the said miniature Decoration shall be deposited and kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

Eighteenthly:-

It is ordained that the names of those upon whom the Decoration or one or more Clasps are conferred shall be published and a Register thereof kept in the manner prescribed in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

Nineteenthly:-

It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by an Order under Our Sign Manual on a recommendation to that effect by or through Our Secretary of State for War to cancel and annul, in respect of any person upon whom the Decoration is one or more Clasps has been conferred for service in Our Territorial Army, the award of The Efficiency Decoration or one or more Clasps and that thereupon his name in the Register shall be erased, but that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to restore the Decoration or one or more Clasps when such recommendation has been withdrawn; provided that such power shall be exercised by the Governors or Officers administering the Government, as the case may be, of Our respective Colonies or territories under Our protection, or by the Governor-General of any of Our Dominions, Our Government whereof shall so desire, on the recommendation of the appropriate Minister of State, or by the appropriate Minister of State, or within any territory under Our protection administered by Us in such Government, in relation to the Auxiliary Military Forces within their respective jurisdiction.

Twentiethly:-

It is ordained that the Decoration or one or more Clasps shall be conferred under such regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration, and other matters, in amplification of this Our Warrant as may with Our approval signified through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State, be issued from time to time by Our Army Council in regard to Our Territorial Army, or as may with Our approval be issued by the Governors or Officers administering the Government, as the case may be, of Our respective Colonies or territories under Our protection, in relation to the Auxiliary Military Forces within their respective jurisdiction, or by the appropriate Minister of State in any of Our Dominions, Our Government whereof shall so desire, or within any territory under Our protection administered by Us in such Government.

Lastly:-

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

Given at Our Court at St. James's, this 17th day of November one thousand nine hundred and fifty-two, in the first year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

ANTHONY HEAD.

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