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BRITISH GUIANA.

REGULATIONS

TO AMEND THE BRITISH GUIANA EFFICIENCY DECORATION AND EFFICIENCY MEDAL REGULATIONS, 1935.

1. These Regulations may be cited as the British Guiana Efficiency Decoration and Efficiency Medal (Amendment) Regulations, 1953, and shall be construed and read as one with the British Guiana Efficiency Decoration and Efficiency Medal Regulations, 1935, hereinafter referred to as the Principal Regulations and any Regulations amending the same.

2. Part I of the Principal Regulations is hereby revoked and the following substituted therefor—

"PART I.

Object of award.

3. The Efficiency Decoration and Clasps are awarded to an officer for long and meritorious service of proved capacity in Her Majesty's Authorised Auxiliary Military Forces of the Commonwealth* (or their Reserves) and are governed by the Royal Warrant dated 17th November, 1952.†

Eligibility for the award.

4. (1) Commissioned Officers of the Militia or their Reserves who on or after the 23rd September, 1930, have completed the requisite period of qualifying service as hereinafter defined shall be eligible for the Decoration and Clasps.

(2) In cases where qualifying service terminated prior to the 3rd September, 1939, an officer must have completed twenty years efficient service in accordance with regulations then in force.

(3) In cases where qualifying service terminated on or after the 3rd September, 1939, an officer must have completed twelve years voluntary continuous efficient service as defined in these Regulations.

(4) An officer who has been awarded the Decoration and who completes a further six years continuous efficient qualifying service as defined in these Regulations shall be awarded a Clasp to be attached to the ribbon by which the Decoration is suspended and for every further period of six years qualifying service under similar conditions an additional clasp shall be awarded.

*The term "Her Majesty's Authorised Auxiliary Military Forces of the Commonwealth" means, for the purposes of the Efficiency Decoration, the Territorial Army, Royal Navy Volunteer Reserve and the Royal Auxiliary Air Force in the United Kingdom and Her Majesty's similar forces including volunteer forces in other territories of the Commonwealth to which attach similar obligations for training in peace; it excludes the Army Reserve and suchlike forces. The word "Commonwealth" includes any territories under Her Majesty's protection.

†See Army Order No. 136 of 1952.

(5) An officer who has completed eleven years' continuous service on or after the 3rd September, 1939, and whose service is terminated on account of disability of a permanent nature such disability being directly attributable to his service may be considered for the award of the Decoration.

Subsidiary title.

5. The subsidiary title of the Decoration awarded to officers who complete the requisite period of qualifying service while serving in the Militia (or their Reserves) shall be "British Guiana" and the words "British Guiana" shall be inscribed on the bar brooch of the Decoration so awarded.

Officer entitled to "E.D." after name.

6. An officer on whom the Decoration is conferred is entitled to the addition after his name of the letters "E.D."

Qualifying service.

7. Qualifying service is defined and shall be reckoned as follows:—

A. Commissioned Service.

Commissioned service[‡] as described below shall be regarded as qualifying service, provided that none of it has been counted as qualifying service for the grant of any other Long Service Decoration, Long Service, Good Conduct or Efficiency Medal or Clasp:—

- (i) On the active list of the Militia such service having been certified as efficient each year by the Officer Commanding the Force in accordance with the regulations governing service in such Force.
- (ii) Service in a duly recognised and constituted Officers' Training or Cadet Corps after attaining the age of seventeen years, such service being reckoned in full if the service and corps are equivalent in status to those of the Officers' Training Corps (not Cadet Corps) in Great Britain.
- (iii) Service in Reserves to the Militia but only such commissioned service as may have been rendered while those Reserves performed annual training equivalent to that normally carried out by their parent Forces provided the Officer concerned also performed such training, and that such service has been certified each year as efficient as defined in the regulations of such Force.
- (iv) Service in Her Majesty's other Auxiliary Military Forces of the Commonwealth including their Reserves and associated Cadet or

[‡]Commissioned service in West Africa before 3rd September, 1939, will reckon as twofold qualifying service but any period spent on leave therefrom will reckon only as single qualifying service.

Officers' Training Corps, such service in every case having been qualifying service in accordance with the regulations under the Royal Warrant of the 17th November, 1952, and applicable to the Forces in which or with whose Reserves or associated Cadet or Officers' Training Corps the service was rendered.

B. Other rank and Cadet service.

Half of any time during which an Officer may have served, after attaining the age of seventeen years on the active list:—

- (i) in the ranks of the Militia or in any of Her Majesty's Auxiliary Military Forces of the Commonwealth (including their Reserves);

or

- (ii) in the ranks of a Cadet Corps, or as a cadet in the Officers' Training Corps; provided that as a cadet he was required to undergo supervised military training and to attain annually a certain standard of military efficiency.

C. War Service.

- (1) An officer who was serving in the Militia or their Reserves on the 2nd September, 1939, and who was embodied or called out for service on or after that date will reckon as double his service between the date on which he was embodied or called out and the date on which he was released from embodiment. (No service subsequent to the 7th April, 1949, may count as double qualifying service). A period of two months or more efficient embodied service between 2nd September, 1939, and 7th April, 1949, occurring in any calendar year reckoned from the 1st January will be allowed to count as the equivalent of efficient service for that year.
- (ii) Commissioned service during the period 4th August, 1914, to 31st December, 1921, or 2nd September, 1939, to 7th April, 1949 (inclusive) or both, in the Royal Navy, the Regular Army, The Royal Air Force or any other Permanent Force of the Commonwealth, provided that the officer was granted such commission between the 4th August, 1914, and the 11th November, 1918, or between the 2nd September, 1939, and the 15th August, 1945 (inclusive) or both, and subsequently was commissioned into the Militia within six months of disembodiment will count as single qualifying service.

- (iii) An officer who was serving in the ranks of any of Her Majesty's Auxiliary Military Forces on the 2nd September, 1939, and was embodied or called out for service on or after that date and was subsequently commissioned in any such force may reckon his embodied service in the ranks as single qualifying service.
- (iv) Any period during which an officer of the Militia was relegated to un-employment between the 2nd September, 1939, and the 7th April, 1949, otherwise than at his own request, or for redundancy or inefficiency, will count as single qualifying service.
- (v) Service in the ranks of the Royal Navy, the Regular Army, the Royal Air Force or any other Permanent Force of the Commonwealth during the period from 4th August, 1914, to the 31st December, 1921, or from the 2nd September, 1939, to the 1st November, 1947 (inclusive) or both, provided that the individual was commissioned into the Militia within six months of disembodiment shall count as half qualifying service.

D. Continuity of service.

Service qualifying for the Decoration must be continuous except —

- (i) that service in different Auxiliary Military forces not of the same territory of the Commonwealth shall be deemed to be continuous if any break in service occurring between service in one such force and another does not exceed twelve months;
- (ii) that service in the Militia shall be deemed to be continuous if any break in service is not due to the individuals' own request or to his own fault and does not exceed twelve months;
- (iii) that the periods when the individual is resident in a foreign country or any territory of the Commonwealth where there are no Auxiliary Military forces shall not be deemed to constitute a break in service provided that he rejoins such a force within six months of his arrival in a Commonwealth territory where such a force exists;
- (iv) that service in the Royal Navy, the Regular Army, the Royal Air Force or any other permanent force forming part of Her Majesty's Forces in any part of the Commonwealth or in the Reserves of any of Her Majesty's Auxiliary Military Forces in any part of the

Commonwealth although inadmissible as qualifying service (save in the circumstances hereinbefore described) will not be reckoned as breaking continuity of service.

Applications for decorations.

Schedule Form A.

8. (1) Applications for the Decoration should be made in writing by the Commanding Officer of the Corps or Force of the Militia or their Reserves) in which the officer recommended for the Decoration is or was serving when he completed the period of qualifying service, and should be supported by a statement of the officer's service in Form A appended to these Regulations. Commanding Officers will forward their recommendations through the usual channel of correspondence to the Governor, accompanied in each case by a statement certifying that the Officer recommended holds (or has held) a Commission in the Militia, that he has completed the qualifying period of meritorious service, that he is an efficient and thoroughly capable officer of proved capacity, and that he is in every way deserving of the Efficiency Decoration.

(2) Applications for Clasps shall be made in a similar manner.

Grant of Decoration.

9. The Decoration will be awarded on the authority of the Governor and a notification of its award will be published in the *Official Gazette*. A register of awards of the Decoration will be kept at the Headquarters of the Corps or Force concerned.

Loss and replacement.

10. When the Decoration has been lost and it is desired to replace it a declaration must be made before a magistrate stating the circumstances under which the loss occurred, and the rank, name and corps of the officer to whom the Decoration belonged. This declaration will be forwarded to the Governor through the usual channel of correspondence in the case of an officer who is still serving and direct in the case of an officer who has retired. If the explanation as to loss is considered satisfactory the Decoration will be replaced on repayment being made by the officer to cover the cost of the Decoration.

Forfeiture and restoration of Decoration.

11. (1) A recipient of the Decoration who is convicted of a criminal offence by a Military Court or by the Civil Power, or who is dismissed or removed from his Corps or regiment for misconduct shall forfeit the Decoration unless the Governor shall otherwise direct.

(2) A Decoration so forfeited may be restored by the Governor at his discretion.

(3) A notice of forfeiture or of restoration shall in every case be published in the *Official Gazette*.

service is completed. Where the period of qualifying service is in more than one Auxiliary Force, the Commanding Officer signing the statement must satisfy himself that all service reckoned is qualifying service, and as to the period to be so reckoned.

Made by me this 28th day of November, 1953.

ALFRED SAVAGE,
Governor.

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