

BRITISH GUIANA

REGULATIONS

GOVERNING

THE COLONIAL PRISON SERVICE MEDAL.

Short title. 1. These Regulations may be cited as the Colonial Prison Service Medal Regulations, 1956.

The Colonial Prison Service Medal.

2. (1) The Colonial Prison Service Medal may be granted as a reward for long service and good conduct to prison officers below the rank of assistant superintendent who on or after the 28th October, 1955, shall have completed eighteen years' continuous service as hereinafter defined.

(2) A clasp to be attached to the ribbon by which the medal is suspended may also be granted to a recipient of the medal on his completing twenty-five years' qualifying service, and a further clasp on completing thirty years' qualifying service, and for each clasp so awarded a small silver rose may be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

Continuous service

3. Qualifying service in the Prison Service of other Colonies or Territories under Her Majesty's Protection or Administration may be allowed to reckon towards the required period of qualifying service, if the total period of such service amounts to not less than eighteen years:

Provided, however, that where service has been rendered in more than one such territory as aforesaid an interval not exceeding twelve months between any two periods of service shall not be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service; provided also that a break in service not exceeding six calendar months in any one such territory shall not be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service.

Conditions of award.

4. (1) For the purpose of these regulations, service shall only be reckoned as qualifying service provided that the person recommended for the grant of the medal is in possession of an exemplary character.

(2) An officer as aforesaid shall not be deemed to be in possession of an exemplary character unless he has had no entry on his conduct sheet during the last sixteen years of such service, in respect of—

- (a) conviction of a criminal offence by any court; or
- (b) reduction in rank or grade (except for inefficiency); or
- (c) drunkenness or incapacity for duty due to drunkenness; or
- (d) deprivation of money, that is to say, where prior to the commencement of these regulations, an officer has been fined in respect of offences committed in any one year a total sum exceeding five dollars, or where upon the commencement of these regulations, an officer has been fined in respect of any one offence a sum equivalent to three days' pay or more; or

- (e) sleeping on duty; or
- (f) wearing any decorations or medals to which he is not entitled; or
- (g) trafficking with prisoners in any form whatsoever.

5. The mere fact of having fulfilled the conditions gives an officer aforesaid no claim to the Medal. Even when a subordinate officer is thus eligible, regard will be paid to his conduct throughout his service.

**General
conduct.**

6. Recommendations for the award of the Medal shall be submitted by the Superintendent of Prisons to the Governor. The Medal will be awarded on the authority of the Governor and a notification of such award shall be published in the **Gazette**.

**Recom-
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Prisons.**

7. (1) A recipient of the Medal or Clasp who is convicted of a criminal offence or dismissed or removed from the Prison Service for misconduct shall forfeit the Medal and Clasp unless the Governor shall otherwise direct.

**Forfeiture of
Medal.**

(2) A Medal or Clasp so forfeited may be restored to the recipient by the Governor at his discretion.

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

Made by the Governor under the authority of the Royal Warrant dated the 28th October, 1955, this 9th day of October, 1956.

IVOR O. SMITH,
Governor's Secretary.