

Royal Warrant

19 February 2002

THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL

ELIZABETH R.

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:

GREETING!

WHEREAS His late Majesty King George VI, by a Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual dated 28th February 1951 was pleased to make, ordain and establish rules and ordinances for the governance of the Meritorious Service Medal, reserving to Himself, His Heirs and Successors full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Royal Sign Manual;

AND WHEREAS by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 11th December 1956, We did ordain that the qualifying period of service laid down in the Second Clause should be amended;

AND WHEREAS We are desirous of making certain alterations to the existing Warrant, particularly in order to extend eligibility for the Medal to Warrant Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of Our Royal Navy, Royal Marines and Royal Air Force; and We deem it expedient that all the aforesaid Warrants, as well as the amendments now to be promulgated, should be incorporated into one Warrant;

NOW THEREFORE We do hereby declare that the rules and ordinances contained in the said Warrants dated 28th February 1951 and the 11th December 1956 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 7th February 2001, be inviolably observed and kept.

Firstly: It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled the "The Meritorious Service Medal".

Secondly: It is ordained that the Medal shall be circular in form and in silver bearing on the obverse the Crown Effigy of the Sovereign. On the reverse there shall be the inscription "For Meritorious Service" encircled by a laurel wreath and surmounted by a Crown. The Medal shall be suspended from a scrolled bar and the name of the recipient shall be inscribed around the rim.

Thirdly: It is ordained that the Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended on a ribbon one-and-a-quarter inches in width, which shall be of crimson with a white stripe at each edge and down the centre.

It is further ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals shall be worn it shall be placed immediately after medals for operational service.

Fourthly: It is ordained that those eligible to receive the Medal shall be warrant officers and non-commissioned officers above the rank of corporal, or equivalent, who have served in Our Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Regular Army or Royal Air Force.

Fifthly: It is ordained that the qualifying service for award of the Medal shall be twenty years, excluding service before the age of 17½ years, provided that those being recommended:

- (i) are in possession of the medal for long service and good conduct; and
- (ii) are of irreproachable character, as defined in the Regulations hereinafter mentioned.

Sixthly: It is ordained that recommendations for award of the Medal shall be made by the commanding officer of the Unit in which the person is serving. No person shall be so recommended unless it is certified that he or she meets in every way the criteria for award of the Medal as defined in the Regulations hereinafter mentioned.

Seventhly: It is ordained that no more than two hundred and one Medals shall be awarded in each calendar year using the following ratio:

- (i) Royal Navy - 49
- (ii) Royal Marines - 3
- (iii) Army - 89
- (iv) Royal Air Force - 60

Eighthly: It is ordained that the names of those who have been awarded the Medal shall be published in *The London Gazette* and that a register of such names shall be kept in Our Ministry of Defence.

Ninthly: It is ordained that reproductions of the Medal, to be known as a Miniature Medal, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal is awarded, shall be half the size of the Medal and that a sealed pattern of the said Miniature shall be kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

Tenthly: It is ordained that it shall be competent for Our Secretary of State for Defence, on receipt of a recommendation from Our Service Boards to cancel and annul the award of the Medal on any person and also to restore the Medal which has been so forfeited. Notice of such cancellation or restoration shall be published in *The London Gazette*.

Eleventhly: 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, be issued from time to time by Our Service Boards.

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 a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court of St. James's this Nineteenth day of November, Two Thousand and One, in the Fiftieth Year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

Geoffrey Hoon.

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THE CADET FORCES MEDAL

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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:

GREETING!

WHEREAS His late Majesty King George VI, did, by a Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual dated 1st February 1950, institute and create the Cadet Forces Medal.

AND WHEREAS We, by Warrants under Our Sign Manual dated the 8th January 1955, 20th June 1960, 21st December 1964 and 9th December 1971 did amend the regulations governing award of the Cadet Forces Medal and Clasps.

NOW THEREFORE We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors ordain that the following rules and ordinances shall, in respect of the Cadet Forces Medal, be substituted for those promulgated in the said Royal Warrant dated 1st February 1950, as amended by the said Royal Warrants dated 8th January 1955, 20th June 1960, 21st December 1964 and 9th December 1971 and we do hereby direct that the following rules and ordinances shall be those governing the said Cadet Forces Medal.

Firstly: It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled the "Cadet Forces Medal".

Secondly: It is ordained that the Medal shall be circular in form and in cupro-nickel, that it shall bear on the obverse the Crown Effigy of the Sovereign, and on the reverse the inscription "The Cadet Forces Medal" and a representation of a flaming torch. The Medal shall be suspended from a bar and the name of the recipient shall be inscribed around the rim.

Thirdly: It is ordained that the Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended on a ribbon one-and-a-quarter inches in width of green with yellow edges with narrow central stripes of dark blue, red and light blue, the dark blue stripe being worn furthest from the left shoulder.

It is further ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals shall be worn it shall be placed immediately after the Queen's Medal for Champion Shots in the Military Forces.

Fourthly: It is ordained that the Medal shall be awarded to commissioned officers, appointed officers, appointed warrant officer instructors and senior non-commissioned officer instructors serving with the Combined Cadet Force, the Sea Cadet Corps, the Army Cadet Force and the Air Training Corps in the United Kingdom and with similar cadet organisations in Our Overseas Territories.

Fifthly: It is ordained that the Medal will be awarded on completion of twelve years' reckonable service as defined in the Regulations hereinafter mentioned and that those who have completed such periods of reckonable service shall be recommended by their commanding officer as being efficient and in every way deserving of the Medal.