

C.S.

Misc

PPL/MED/1#7

Honours

1934

No.

181/34

Soft Circ

SUBJECT.

1934

11<sup>th</sup> June

Previous Paper.

"The Colonial Police &  
Fire Brigades Long Service  
Medal"

MINUTES.

13 Soft Circ. Despatch 11/6/34

18. Submitted. The first constable who would be eligible to receive the medal would be Constable Headford but he will not have completed 18 years service until Nov<sup>r</sup> 1939. No medals will be required here on the issue of the Regulations and only one for the five years ending in Nov<sup>r</sup> 1939.

I think in a small Colony such as this the Chief Constable should be eligible to receive the medal but under the terms of the Royal Warrant the medal may only be awarded to Subordinate

Subsequent Paper.

1749

Members of the Police Force.

MCH  
by C.S.  
11. 8. 34.

Mr. C.S.

I agree: draft

despatch herewith -

Yrk

12. 8. 34.

Despatch to S of S. no: 119 of 15/8/34.

4-5

Yrk.  
Despatch submitted for  
signature.

MCH  
by C.S.  
15. 8. 34.

✓ Yrk  
15. 8. 34.

Pa  
16/8/34

Despatch from S. of S. of 29/11/34.

6-7

Yrk.

Submitted.

Does Your Excellency wish any  
further representations made regarding  
the eligibility of the Chief Constable to  
receive the medal?

a.s. for C.S.  
1/2/35.



Hon. Col. Sec.

In view of the provisions of the Royal Warrant "Chief Constable" should be omitted from the Regulations. I do not think any good purpose would be served by making further representations as the Chief Constable is not a subordinate officer of the Police Force.

2. Let the Regulations proceed after the amendments indicated have been made.

MCH

5. 2. 35

4. 15/3/35.  
 8. 20. 7/2/35

11. 20/3/35  
 12. 20/3/35

16. 31/3/35.  
 17. 20/3/35  
 18. 20/3/35

8-9. Despatch to S. of S. no 45 of 10/4/35

Yr. In my minute of the 5<sup>th</sup>  
 Feby last I stated that  
 "Chief Constable" should be  
 omitted from the Regs but  
 of course Yr. may have other  
 views. The Regs were amended  
 as directed by the S. of S.  
 and are submitted herewith.

MCH  
 CS.

11. 4. 36

~~11/4~~ 11/4

P.A.  
~~11/4~~ 11/4 35

S. of S. Circular despatch of 14/1/36.

10-11.

Yr. Submitted. The regulations  
 (red 8) to be amended accordingly?

MCH  
 CS.  
 8. 4. 36.

Please

~~11/4~~ 8/4/36

C.C. In draft amending Regulation  
met

Hon. Treasurer,

to note para. 4 of Red 11.

> It would be in order to charge this  
 amount to Head XI. 4.

Hon. CS.

I agree.

C.D. 11.  
 15/4/36

15/4/36

C.S.O. No. 181/34

Inside Minute Paper.

Sheet No. 3

(12) Letter to known Agents of 17/4/36.

JW  
Draft Regulations submitted  
for approval.

C.J.G.  
pres.  
16/4/36.

Approved  
tltlt 20/4/36

13. Regulations of 16/4/36.

(14-15) Despatch to S. of S. no. 64 of 28/5/36

Y.E.

Despatch for signature.  
Pres.  
29/5/36

For amendment H

tltlt 29/5/36

Y.E.

The Despatch as amended is re-submitted  
for signature. Pres.  
1/6/36.

P.A. 18/6/36

16-17. S. of S. Circular Despatch of 10.8.38.

Jh.

Submitted.

M.H. S.

8. 10. 38

For your comments please.  
Let there be local provision for the purchase  
of medals

M.H. 10/2/38

Jh.

We have local provision for a  
Police and Fire Brigades Medal  
for long service and good conduct  
(red & heroin). This medal is  
awarded on the authority of the  
Governor.

The medal referred to in 16-17  
is awarded by the King for  
meritorious service and acts of  
gallantry. This honour appears  
quite distinct from the customary  
long service medal.

M.H. S.

10. 2. 38

No action

M.H. 10/2/38

P.A. /

S. of S. Circ. despatch of 3/2/39.

(18)

N. A.

P. A.

WCHcl

24.5.39.

A.C.S.

(20)

May I please have details of services  
both of Stooly & Stenford?

WCH 18/4/40

(21)

WCH

J. Stooly - Constable 1/9/19 - 12/3/30  
Chief " 13/3/30 - 11/10/40

E. Stenford - Constable 1/11/21 - 31/5/35  
orderly, G.H. 1/6/35 -

E. Swain - Constable 8/12/19 - 30/11/21  
Gunner "afternoon 1/12/21 - 1/9/25  
Constable 2/9/25 - 11/10/40  
Chief 12/10/40 -

A. J. J.  
A. J. J.  
17/10/40.

Y.E.

(22)

Would you consider the late chief-constable  
for the Colonial Police Long Service medal? You  
have the right & power to confer it yourself  
without reference to the (2) para 8.

(23)

WCH 23/4/40

The Chief Constable - if he is  
still Chief Constable - is debarred from  
receiving the medal para 2 of (7) and  
if he has retired he is not eligible

2. his powers appear to derive  
from para 4 of (8) not para 8 of (2)

WCH 23/4/40

WCH 31/1/41  
WCH 31/1/41  
WCH 31/1/41  
WCH 23/1/41

n. 11. 1/11/41



(24)

Y.H. L.P. brought forward as directed.

C. J. G. 1/7/41

1/21/41

P.A.

Y.E.

(25)

With reference to our conversation of Saturday. My own view is that the Chief Constable in this Colony is a "Subordinate" officer, in that the post, carrying the usual responsibilities which it does, having a maximum salary of £250 a year must be considered to imply non-commissioned rank.

2. I am not quite sure how we could comply with S. 7 of the Royal Instructions at (2), though doubtless I am in charge of the Police Force as Head of the Civil Service.

3. Does Y.E. wish to address the S.A.S.?

KB

23/8

(26)

No - I am afraid it would be useless but we might consider Swain for a Col. Pol. Medal later.

Swain is actually in charge of the Police & excepting theoretically is not more you could say more than other Col. Pol. Force as was the Col. Sec.

24/11/42

P.A.

Telegram from Secretary of State of 25. 9. 45

27.

P.A.

Letter Den 445/52 from L. of L. of 6/7/52.

28. P.A.

Letter from T.I.K. Lloyd of 13/5/53.

29.

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(ie. 29A).

Copy of encl. to 29 sent to C.C. 16/6/53 P.A.



CIRCULAR.



Downing Street,

11th June, 1934.

Sir,

*I have the honour to inform you that representations have been received from time to time from various Colonial Governments in favour of the institution of local medals for award to members of their police forces in recognition of long service and good conduct.*

*2. In a number of cases these representations have been accepted and a local medal has been instituted. I feel, however, that while good and loyal service by members of police forces should not go unrewarded, the multiplication of medals is to be deprecated, and as I was confident that Colonial Governments generally would share this view I decided to seek the approval of His Majesty the King for the institution of a medal which could be awarded to subordinate officers and constables of the police forces in all Colonial Dependencies, subject to local regulations issued by the Governor with the approval of the Secretary of State.*

*3. His Majesty has now been graciously pleased, by Royal Warrant dated the 23rd of March, 1934, a copy of which is enclosed, to approve the creation of a medal to be designated "The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal", which can be awarded not only to the members of police forces but also to members of properly organized fire brigades in the Colonies and in territories under His Majesty's protection, including mandated territories. The medal for personnel of fire brigades will be distinguished from that for members of police forces by the difference in the emblematic designs and the circumscriptions on the reverse: provision is also made in the Warrant for a slight variation of the ribbon when worn by members of fire brigades.*

*4. As one of the objects of the institution of the new medal is to secure uniformity of treatment as far as possible under different administrations, it is desirable that the*

*The Officer Administering  
the Government of*

local regulations under which the medal is awarded should follow the same general lines. It is realized that it might not be practicable, or at any rate convenient, to insist on identical regulations for all Colonial Dependencies alike, particularly in view of the fact that in some places regulations are already in existence for the award of local long service and good conduct medals to members of the police force ; but it is desirable that the regulations should be generally in conformity with the model enclosed. You will no doubt submit to me, when replying to this despatch, the draft of the regulations which you would propose to make in pursuance of Article 8 of the Warrant.

Draft Regulations.

5. It is intended that the Colonial Police and Fire Brigade Long Service Medal shall supersede any local medals that may already be in existence for rewarding long and good service rendered by members of civil police forces, but that, in cases where the existing regulations provide that any such medal may be granted as the reward of gallantry or other meritorious service apart from ordinary long service and good conduct, it may continue to be granted if good cause can be shown for its retention. In any such cases the local regulations governing the grant of the medal will require consequential amendment and I should be glad to be given the opportunity to comment on the proposals for the revision.

6. It is proposed that the cost of the preparation of the design for the obverse of the medal and of the production of the dies of the obverse and reverse, amounting in all to £125, should be borne by the Colonial administrations concerned in proportion to the use which they may be expected to make of the new medal. The cost of each medal thereafter, in standard silver, complete in case and engraved round the rim with the name of the recipient, will be thirteen shillings. In order that the initial cost may be apportioned, I shall be glad if you will furnish me with an estimate of the number of medals which you are likely to require

- (a) immediately on the issue of regulations providing for the award in the territory under your administration and
- (b) thereafter, in each period of five years.

7. It will be observed from Article 6 of the Warrant instituting the medal that its award is to be confined, so far as members of fire brigades are concerned, to persons "rendering whole-time service in properly organized Fire Brigades". As a general

rule, any regulation corresponding to No. 6 in the model should therefore be limited to any fire brigades (to be named in the regulations) which are under Government or municipal control and the members of which give their whole time to their duties.

*I have the honour to be,*

*Sir,*

*Your most obedient, humble servant,*

P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.



(Sgd.) GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these presents shall come : Greeting !

WHEREAS We have taken into Our Royal consideration the long and good services rendered by subordinate members of the Police Forces and Fire Brigades in Our Colonies and in Territories under Our Protection :

AND WHEREAS We are desirous of distinguishing such long and good services by some mark of Our Royal favour :

We do by these presents for Us, Our heirs and successors, institute and create a new Medal to be awarded in recognition of such services.

2. The Medal shall be designated and styled " The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal".

3. The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal shall consist of a circular medal of silver with Our Effigy on the obverse, and on the reverse an emblematic design, with the words " For Long Service and Good Conduct " and the circumscription " Colonial Police Forces " or " Colonial Fire Brigades ".

4. The name and rank of the recipient of the Medal and the Force in which he completed the requisite period of qualifying service shall be inscribed on the rim of the Medal.

5. The Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon one inch and three-eighths in width, of which the central part (one half of an inch in width) shall be green, with two borders, each three-eighths of an inch in width, dark blue, and two silver stripes, each one-sixteenth of an inch wide, separating the borders from the central part. In the case of awards to members of Fire Brigades the central part shall be divided by a further silver stripe one-sixteenth of an inch wide.

6. The Medal shall be awarded only to subordinate officers and constables of the Police Forces, and to persons holding equivalent positions and rendering whole-time service in properly organized Fire Brigades, in Our Colonies and in Territories under Our Protection who have completed not less than eighteen years' qualifying service as defined in the regulations hereinafter mentioned.

7. No person shall qualify for the award of the Medal who has not been granted an exemplary character as defined in the Regulations hereinafter mentioned, and who has not been recommended by the Officer in Command of the Police Force or Fire Brigade in which he is or was serving after completion of the requisite period of qualifying service.

8. The Medal shall be awarded in Our Name and on Our behalf by Our Governor or Officer Administering the Government of the Colony or Territory in which the period of service requisite to qualify for the Medal has been completed, in accordance with such regulations as to the grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters, in amplification of the provisions of this Our Warrant, as may be issued or approved from time to time by Our Governor or Officer Administering the Government with the prior approval of one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

9. 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 at Saint James's this Twenty-third day of March, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four in the Twenty-fourth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

(Sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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DRAFT MODEL REGULATIONS.

The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal.

*The Falkland Islands and  
their Dependencies*

~~FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES~~  
(Insert name of Colony.)

*e.g. Chief Constable and Constables*

1. The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal will be granted as a reward for long service and good conduct to ~~constables and subordinate officers below the rank of (here insert appropriate local rank) of the (civil) Police Force of (insert name of territory) who on or after the (date of Royal Warrant)~~ shall have completed eighteen years' continuous service as hereinafter defined.

*23rd of March, 1934,*  
(If it is intended that the Medal should carry with it the grant of an allowance, a regulation should be inserted here defining the extent of the allowance and the conditions of its termination—e.g., cessation of service.)

2. 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, *as to which the Governor or Officer*

*Administering the Government shall determine after examination of the records of the person concerned who is concerned in any event*  
(Insert definition of "exemplary character". The term is to be defined for each territory in the light of the existing practice and requirements, but the definition should be so framed as to secure that no award will be made unless the person recommended has a record of exceptionally good conduct.)

3. (a) Qualifying service in the Civil Police Forces of other Colonies or territories under His Majesty's protection may be allowed to reckon towards the required period of qualifying service provided that 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 of service not exceeding six calendar months in any one such territory shall not be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service.

(b) Service in Military Police Forces shall not be regarded as qualifying service.

4. ~~Recommendations for the award of the Medal shall be submitted by the Officer in Command of the Police Force to the Governor or Officer Administering the Government.~~ The Medal will be awarded on the authority of the Governor or Officer Administering the Government and a notification of such award shall be published in the Government Gazette.

~~(A regulation to provide for replacement in event of loss may be inserted here if thought desirable.)~~

5.—(a) A recipient of the Medal who is convicted of a criminal offence or is dismissed or removed from the Police Force for misconduct shall forfeit the Medal unless the Governor or Officer Administering the Government shall otherwise direct.

(b) A Medal so forfeited may be restored to the recipient by the Governor or Officer Administering the Government at his discretion.

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

6. ~~The foregoing regulations shall apply mutatis mutandis to persons holding equivalent positions and rendering whole-time service in the (name of territory) Fire Brigade. (This regulation only to be inserted where properly organized Fire Brigades have been established.)~~

THE COLONIAL POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADES LONG SERVICE MEDAL.

|                         |                | <u>Date of joining Police Force.</u>                              |
|-------------------------|----------------|---|
| <u>Chief Constable.</u> | S. H. Hooley.  | 1st September, 1919.  |
| <u>Constables.</u>      | E. Headford.   | 1st November, 1921.   |
|                         | E. Swain.      | 8 <sup>th</sup> December, 1919<br><del>2nd September, 1925.</del> |
|                         | J. Norris.     | 16th October, 1929.   |
|                         | J. P. Lanning. | 1st January, 1932.  |

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GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

15th August, 1934.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 119.

Sir,

With reference to para. 4 of your Circular despatch of the 11th of June, 1934, I have the honour to submit the draft of the regulations which it is proposed to make in this Colony in pursuance of Article 3 of the Royal Warrant dated the 35rd of March, 1934, and approving the creation of a medal to be designated "The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal".

2. No medals will be required immediately on the issue of regulations for the award in this Colony. Thereafter it is not likely that the number required will exceed two in each period of five years.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

J. M. ELLIS.

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER,  
G.B.E., P.C., M.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

of the 15th of AUGUST, 1954.

THE COLONIAL POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADES LONG SERVICE MEDAL.

FALKLAND ISLANDS AND DEPENDENCIES.

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*is*

1. (The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal will be granted as a reward for long service and good conduct to ~~the Chief Constable and~~ Constables of the Police Forces of the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies who on or after the 26th of March, 1934, shall have completed eighteen years' continuous service as hereinafter defined.

2. For the purpose of these Regulations service shall only be reckoned as qualifying service provided that the person concerned is in possession of an exemplary character, as to which the Governor or Officer Administering the Government shall determine after examination of the record of the person concerned who in any event shall have been of exceptionally good conduct throughout such service.

3. (a) Qualifying service in the Civil Police Forces of other Colonies or territories under His Majesty's protection may be allowed to reckon towards the required period of qualifying service provided that 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 of service not exceeding six calendar months in any one such territory shall not be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service.

(b) Service in Military Police Forces shall not be regarded as qualifying service.

4. The Medal will be awarded on the authority of the Governor or Officer Administering the Government and a notification of such award shall be published in the Government Gazette.

5. (a) A recipient of the Medal who is convicted of a criminal offence or is dismissed or removed from the Police Force for misconduct shall forfeit the Medal unless the Governor or Officer Administering the Government shall otherwise direct.

(b) A Medal so forfeited may be restored to the recipient by the Governor or Officer Administering the Government at his discretion.

(c) A notice of forfeiture or restoration shall in each case be published in the Government Gazette.

*Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands.*

*6 February 1935*

*W.P. 18/34*

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

HONOURS.



DONNING STREET,

19th NOVEMBER, 1934.

Sir,

*Recd. 5.*

I have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of Mr. Ellis's despatch No. 119 of the 15th August, submitting draft Regulations to govern the award of the Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal in the Falkland Islands.

2. As it is provided in Section 6 of the Royal Warrant instituting the medal that it "shall be awarded only to subordinate officers and constables of the Police Forces", I doubt whether the Chief Constable can properly be considered as eligible to receive it. I would therefore suggest that the words "the Chief Constable and" in the third line of draft Regulation No. 1 should be omitted.

3. Elsewhere in draft Regulation No. 1 the wording "Police Force of the Falkland Islands and their Dependencies" should be replaced by "Police Forces of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies."

4. Subject to the adoption of these amendments, I approve the draft Regulations, but should you wish to make further representations on the question of the eligibility of the Chief Constable, I would ask you to communicate with me again before issuing the Regulations. Copies of the Regulations as issued should be transmitted to me in due course.

5.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF

FALKLAND ISLANDS.



5. A further communication will be addressed to you later regarding the apportionment of the initial cost of the issue of the medal.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient,

humble servant,

(Sgd.) P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER

(a)

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,  
STANLEY.

10th April, 1935.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 45.

Sir,

With reference to your despatch Honours of the 29th of November, 1934, I have the honour to transmit six copies of Regulations to govern the award of the Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal in the Falkland Islands.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

(Sgt.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE  
SIR PHILIP CUNLIFFE-LISTER,  
G.B.E., P.C., M.C., M.P.,  
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

## FALKLAND ISLANDS.

### **The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal.**

#### **Falkland Islands and Dependencies.**

1. The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal will be granted as a reward for long service and good conduct to Constables of the Police Forces of the Colony of the Falkland Islands and its Dependencies who on or after the 23rd of March, 1934, shall have completed eighteen years' continuous service as hereinafter defined.

2. For the purpose of these Regulations service shall only be reckoned as qualifying service provided that the person concerned is in possession of an exemplary character, as to which the Governor or Officer Administering the Government shall determine after examination of the record of the person concerned who in any event shall have been of exceptionally good conduct throughout such service.

3. (a) Qualifying service in the Civil Police Forces of other Colonies or territories under His Majesty's protection may be allowed to reckon towards the required period of qualifying service provided that 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 that also a break of service not exceeding six calendar months in any one such territory shall not be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service.

(b) Service in Military Police Forces shall not be regarded as qualifying service.

4. The Medal will be awarded on the authority of the Governor or Officer Administering the Government and a notification of such award shall be published in the Government Gazette.

5. (a) A recipient of the Medal who is convicted of a criminal offence or is dismissed or removed from the Police Force for misconduct shall forfeit the Medal unless the Governor or the Officer Administering the Government shall otherwise direct.

(b) A Medal so forfeited may be restored to the recipient by the Governor or Officer Administering the Government at his discretion.

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

Colonial Secretary's Office.

Stanley, Falkland Islands.

5th February, 1935.



CIRCULAR.



Downing Street,

14th January, 1936.

Sir,

*Red 3*

With reference to the Circular despatch of the 11th of June, 1934, from Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister (now Lord Swinton), regarding the institution of the Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal, I have the honour to transmit to you a copy of a Royal Warrant, dated the 1st of November, 1935, permitting the grant of one bar to the Medal to any holder of it who completes qualifying service of twenty-five years and of an additional bar on his completing thirty years of such service.

2. Unless there are any special circumstances which make it undesirable to adopt this provision in the territory under your administration (such as that it would be ineffective in practice), I would request that the local Regulations governing the award of the Medal may be amended by the addition of the following sentence to Section 1 :—

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

Six copies of any Regulations issued in consequence of this despatch should be transmitted to me for record purposes.

3. Supplies of bars to the Medal may be obtained from the Royal Mint by requisition through the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

*Red 2*

4. You were informed in paragraph 6 of the Circular despatch of the 11th of June, 1934, that it was contemplated that the initial cost of the institution of the Medal, which amounted in all to £125, should be borne by the administrations concerned in

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*proportion to the use which they might be expected to make of it. The amount due from your Government in this respect has been fixed at £ 5/- , and I have to request that this sum may be remitted to the Crown Agents for the Colonies.*

Red 4  
826/21

5. *I take this opportunity to inform you that His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve that in the list, a copy of which was enclosed in Lord Passfield's Circular despatch of the 14th of June, 1930, showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn, the Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal shall be placed immediately after "The King's Medal (for Champion Shots in the Military Forces)" in the section headed "Efficiency and Long Service Decorations and Medals".*

*I have the honour to be,*

*Sir,*

*Your most obedient, humble servant,*

J. H. THOMAS.



GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these presents shall come : Greeting.

WHEREAS, We did, by Royal Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 23rd March, 1934, institute and create a Medal to be designated and styled "The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal", which should be awarded to subordinate officers and constables of Police Forces, and to persons holding equivalent positions and rendering whole-time service in properly organised Fire Brigades, in Our Colonies and in Territories under Our Protection, who should complete not less than eighteen years' qualifying service as defined in certain Regulations to be issued or approved from time to time by Our Governor or Officer Administering the Government, with the prior approval of one of Our Principal Secretaries of State :

AND WHEREAS We are desirous of recognising by some additional mark of Our Royal favour longer periods of good service rendered by the said members of Police Forces and Fire Brigades in Our Colonies and in Territories under Our Protection :

NOW THEREFORE We do, by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, ordain that a bar to be attached to the ribbon by which the said Medal is suspended may be awarded to those recipients who shall complete a total of twenty-five years' qualifying service as aforesaid, and that a further bar may be awarded to those who shall complete a total of thirty years' qualifying service as aforesaid. For each bar awarded a small silver rose shall be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

Given at Our Court at Saint James's this First day of November, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-five, in the twenty-sixth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

MALCOLM MACDONALD.

181/34.

17th April,

36.

Gentlemen,

I am directed to inform you that the amount due from this Government in respect of the initial cost of the institution of the "Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal" is 5/-, and to request that you will be good enough to cause this amount to be paid from the funds of the Colony.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,



for Colonial Secretary.

The Crown Agents for the Colonies,  
4, Millbank, Westminster,  
LONDON, S.W.1.



FALKLAND ISLANDS.

No. 67.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE,

STANLEY.

30th May, 1936.

Sir,

With reference to Mr. Secretary Thomas' Circular despatch of the 14th of January, 1936, I have the honour to transmit six copies of Regulations amending Section 1 of the Regulations governing the award of the Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal in the Falkland Islands, copies of which were forwarded under cover of my despatch No. 45 of the 10th of April, 1935.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient  
humble servant,

(Sgd.) H. HENNIKER-HEATON

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

W. C. ORMSBY-CORE, P.C., M.P.,

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

## **FALKLAND ISLANDS.**

### **The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal.**

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#### **Falkland Islands and Dependencies.**

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The Regulations made on the 5th of February, 1935, governing the award of the Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal in the Falkland Islands are hereby amended by the addition of the following sentence to Section 1 :-

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

Colonial Secretary's Office,  
Stanley, Falkland Islands,  
16th April, 1936.

CIRCULAR.



DOWNING STREET,

10th August, 1938.

Sir,

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I have the honour to refer to Lord Swinton's circular despatch of the 11th June, 1934, on the subject of the institution of "The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal" which, as was stated in paragraph 5 of that circular, was intended to supersede any local medals then in existence for rewarding long service and good conduct by members of civil Police Forces but not those medals for the retention of which, as the means of rewarding, for example, gallantry or other meritorious service, good cause could be shown.

2. Subsequently Lord Harlech came to the conclusion that, partly in order to avoid the multiplication of local medals of the type still permitted under the circular despatch of the 11th June, 1934, steps should be taken to secure uniformity, as far as possible, in the different Colonial Dependencies in the matter of awards to members of Police Forces and Fire Brigades for meritorious service and acts of gallantry which, while not reaching the high standard required for the King's Police Medal, are worthy of some special recognition.

3. Lord Harlech therefore submitted to the King, and His Majesty has been pleased to approve, a proposal for the institution of a medal for the reward of such services, to be available for members of Police Forces and Fire Brigades of all Colonies and territories under His Majesty's protection. A copy of the Royal Warrant, dated the 10th May, 1938, creating the new medal, to be designated "The Colonial Police Medal," and a copy of the Regulations which will govern its award, are enclosed.

4. It will be observed that the medal, for which officers of all grades are eligible, supersedes "The African Police Medal," which has been available since 1915 as the reward of similar services by certain grades in the Police Forces of the Tropical African Dependencies. It is intended that "The Colonial Police Medal"

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shall also take the place of any other medals now used to reward meritorious service and acts of gallantry by members of Colonial Police Forces or Fire Brigades. Steps should therefore be taken to cancel any local provision for the grant of such medals.

5. In view of the special medals which are now available for rewarding both long and specially meritorious service by members of Police Forces and Fire Brigades, there should not normally be any occasion to recommend them for the award of either the Imperial Service Medal or the Medal of the Order of the British Empire unless the circumstances, which should be explained in each case, are altogether exceptional.

6. It is provided in the Warrant that bars may be awarded for gallant conduct performed by those who have already received the medal. If the original award was for meritorious service, the bar (and also the silver rose worn with the ribbon alone) would be attached to the ribbon prescribed to be worn with the medal when awarded for meritorious service. Bars cannot be awarded for any service other than acts of gallantry, neither can an award of the medal for meritorious service be made to one who has received the medal for gallantry. In such cases it will be a matter for consideration whether a recommendation for the award of the King's Police Medal would be appropriate.

7. Recommendations for the award of the medal (or bar) should be made on the standard form of recommendation for honours, so far as this is applicable, and should specify the particular act of gallantry or special service in respect of which the candidate is recommended. Sufficient details should also be given to enable a judgment of the case to be formed in comparison with others. In this connection I would invite attention to paragraph (e) of the Regulations, which limits the total number of awards of the medal in any one year for services other than conspicuous gallantry to one hundred and fifty. It will also be noted that, except in cases of conspicuous gallantry, awards will only be made on His Majesty's Birthday, and it will be convenient therefore if recommendations can be forwarded at the same time as any recommendations for other awards to be made on that occasion.

8. It is proposed that the initial cost of preparing the dies for the medal shall be shared by the Colonial Administrations concerned in the same proportions as the similar expenses in respect of the Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal ; and the Crown Agents for the Colonies will in due course be authorized to pay the appropriate amount from the funds of the various Governments. It may be assumed that the cost of individual issues of the medal will be approximately that of issues of the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, i.e., thirteen shillings.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

MALCOLM MACDONALD.





GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE SIXTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India. To all to whom these presents shall come :

GREETING :

*Whereas* We have taken into Our Royal consideration the good services which are rendered by members of the Police Forces and of Fire Brigades in Our Colonies and in Territories under Our Protection :

*And Whereas* We are desirous of rewarding meritorious service rendered by them :

We do by these presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors institute and create a new Medal to be awarded to members of the aforesaid Police Forces and Fire Brigades for distinguished conduct.

*First* : It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled "The Colonial Police Medal."

*Secondly* : It is ordained that the Colonial Police Medal shall consist of a circular medal of silver with the Effigy of the Sovereign on the obverse, and on the reverse an emblematic design with the words "For Gallantry" or "For Meritorious Service," as the case may be. The Medal shall bear on the rim the name and rank of the person to whom it is awarded and the name of the Police Force or Fire Brigade for service in which the award is made.

*Thirdly* : It is ordained that the Medal shall be awarded only to those members of recognised Police Forces or of properly organised Fire Brigades in Our Colonies and in Territories under Our Protection who have performed services of conspicuous merit, and that such award shall be made only on a recommendation to Us by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

*Fourthly* : It is ordained that the names of those to whom this Medal may be awarded shall be published in the London Gazette, and that a Register of such names shall be kept in the Office of Our Principal Secretary of State for the Colonies.

*Fifthly* : It is ordained that the Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon one inch and three-eighths in width, of which the central part (one half of an inch in width) shall be dark blue with two green borders, each three-eighths of an inch in width, and two silver stripes, each one-sixteenth of an inch wide, separating the borders from the central part. In the case of awards for gallantry the green borders of the ribbon shall each be centrally divided by a crimson stripe one-sixteenth of an inch in width.

*Sixthly* : It is ordained that any gallant conduct which is worthy of recognition by the award of the Colonial Police Medal, but is performed by one upon whom the Medal has already been conferred, may be recorded by a Bar attached to the ribbon by which the Medal is suspended. For each such additional award an additional Bar may be added, and for each Bar awarded a small silver rose may be added to the ribbon when worn alone.

*Seventhly* : It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors by an Order under Our Sign Manual and on a recommendation to that effect by or through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State to cancel and annul the award to any person of the Colonial Police Medal, and that thereupon the name of such person in the Register shall be erased : Provided that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to restore the Medal so forfeited when such recommendation has been withdrawn. And every person to whom the said Medal is awarded shall, before receiving the same, enter into an agreement to return the Medal if his name shall be erased as aforesaid.

*Eighthly*: 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 be issued from time to time by one of Our Principal Secretaries of State.

*Ninthly*: It is ordained that as from the date of this Warrant the grant of "The African Police Medal for Meritorious Service," which was instituted and created by His late Majesty King George the Fifth by a Warrant under His Sign Manual dated the twenty-sixth day of July nineteen hundred and fifteen, for award to non-commissioned officers and men (other than those of European descent) of the Police Forces of East and West Africa, shall be discontinued for future service; and the aforesaid Warrant is hereby cancelled.

*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 at St. James's the tenth day of May, one thousand, nine hundred and thirty-eight in the second year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

HARLECH.

#### REGULATIONS.

The following Regulations shall be observed in recommending His Majesty to grant the Colonial Police Medal:—

(a) The Medal shall be open to all ranks of the Police Forces, civil and military, and to all members of properly organised Fire Brigades, in the Colonies and in Territories under His Majesty's Protection (including Mandated Territories).

(b) Each recommendation for the Medal shall state the name and rank of the person recommended, the Police Force or Fire Brigade of which he is or was a member, and particulars of the action or service for which the grant of the Medal is recommended.

(c) The qualifications for the Medal shall be as follows:—

(i) Conspicuous gallantry.

(ii) Valuable service characterised by resource and devotion to duty, including prolonged service marked by exceptional ability, merit and exemplary conduct.

(d) Any award of the Medal for conspicuous gallantry shall be made as soon as possible after the event occasioning the grant; and all other awards shall be made annually on the occasion of His Majesty's Birthday.

(e) The number of Medals to be awarded in any one year, for services other than conspicuous gallantry, shall not exceed one hundred and fifty save and except that in very special circumstances which, in His Majesty's opinion, would justify an exceptional grant, His Majesty may award Medals exceeding that number.

(f) The Medal shall be worn next to and immediately after the Burma Police Medal.

(g) The award of the Medal will not be a bar to subsequent recommendation for the King's Police Medal.

HARLECH.

10th May, 1938.

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CIRCULAR.



Downing Street,

3rd February, 1939.

SIR,

*Recd 17*  
With reference to my circular despatch of the 10th August, 1938, regarding the Colonial Police Medal, I have the honour to inform you that Section (d) of the Regulations governing the award of the Colonial Police Medal has been amended and now reads as follows :—

“(d) Any award of the Medal for conspicuous gallantry shall be made as soon as possible after the event occasioning the grant ; and all other awards shall be made annually on the occasion of the celebration of His Majesty’s Birthday ; provided that a recommendation may be made at any time when His Majesty so commands.”

2. The intention of the amendment is to permit of awards being made in special circumstances rendering it inexpedient that an award should be withheld until the next celebration of His Majesty’s Birthday. It is not intended, however, that advantage should be taken of the proviso unless there is some exceptional reason for departure from the usual practice.

3. I take this opportunity to explain in regard to Section (f) of the Regulations, that the Burma Police Medal is worn next to and immediately after the Indian Police Medal, the position of which is indicated in the list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn, a copy of which was enclosed in Lord Harlech’s circular despatch (2) of the 10th June, 1936.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient, humble servant,

MALCOLM MacDONALD.

The Officer Administering  
the Government of

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TELEGRAM.

From The Secretary of State for the Colonies.

To His Excellency the Governor.

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Despatched : 25th September 19 45 Time : 1721

Received : 26th September 19 45 Time : 0930

SECRET.      CIRCULAR.      Unnumbered.      September 25th.  
With reference to my telegram No. 98 Circular. As a  
special concession Colonial Police Medal may be awarded  
in New Year Honours List 1946. Recommendations for  
this award should reach me by the end of October.

SECRETARY OF STATE.

G.T.C.

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DESPATCH

CIRCULAR 448/52



THE CHURCH HOUSE,  
GREAT SMITH STREET,  
LONDON, S.W.1.  
6th May, 1952.

Sir,

COLONIAL POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADES MEDAL.

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18. With reference to Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's circular despatch of the 10th August, 1938, regarding the Colonial Police Medal, and to his further circular despatch of the 3rd February, 1939, promulgating an amendment to Section (d) of the Regulations governing the award, I have the honour to inform you that this section of the Regulations has again been amended and now reads as follows:-

(d) Any award of the Medal for conspicuous gallantry shall be made as soon as possible after the event occasioning the grant; and all other awards shall be made bi-annually, on the occasions of the New Year Honours List and of the celebration of Her Majesty's Birthday; provided that a recommendation may be made at any time when Her Majesty so commands.

2. It has been considered expedient to introduce as a general rule the bi-annual award of this medal in view of the circumstances prevailing in certain Colonial territories during the past few years, which made it desirable to award the Colonial Police Medal on more than the one occasion each year.

3. In order to bring the Regulations up to date, the following amendment should also be made to Section (f) of the regulations:-

For "Burma Police Medal" substitute  
"Ceylon Police Medal for Merit".

This circular has not been addressed to the Administrators of Grenada and Antigua.

I have the honour to be,  
Sir,  
Your most obedient,  
humble Servant,

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING  
THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE FALKLAND ISLANDS.





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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE  
6 JUN 1953

Personal and  
Confidential.

Colonial Office,  
The Church House,  
Great Smith Street,  
London, S.W.1.

13th May, 1953.

Dear Clifford.

Recent recommendations from Governors for the Colonial Police Medal for meritorious service have varied considerably in the standard of merit which has been regarded as qualifying for that award.

Reasonable uniformity in the standard of the services required for the award of the medal is most desirable, and I am, therefore, enclosing two copies of a memorandum discussing briefly the standards which we should like to be observed. The memorandum is self contained so that a copy of it may be sent to the head of the Police in each territory, but the second copy will no doubt be linked up with the Honours Memorandum of October, 1951, which I sent to you on the 19th of that month.

Yours sincerely,

T. M. G. (G. M. G.)

Sir Miles Clifford, K.B.E., C.M.G.

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Yes - it is already in 0107/c