

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE No. 99 of 1932.

The subjoined regulations, framed in pursuance of Royal warrant dated the 31st day of May, 1895, governing the grant to the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police in the manner set forth of the " Meritorious Service Medal " and " Distinguished Conduct Medal ", are hereby published for general information.

By Command of His Excellency the  
High Commissioner.

SHIRLEY EALES,

Acting Imperial Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office,  
Pretoria, 30th June, 1932.

REGULATIONS.

THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

1. (a) On the recommendation of the Resident Commissioner, His Excellency the High Commissioner may award a silver medal having on one side the Royal crowned effigy and on the other side the words " For Meritorious Service " encircled by a laurel wreath and surmounted with the Imperial Crown to a warrant officer or non-commissioned officer above the rank of corporal, serving in the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police, as a reward for long, valuable and meritorious service. The regimental number, rank, name and corps of the recipient to be inscribed on the rim of the medal.

(b) Candidates for these medals must have at least 21 years' service, but applications must not be sent forward until the applicant is about to be discharged to pension or retired.

(c) The medal shall be worn on the left breast after war medals, in such order as may from time to time be assigned to it and pendent from a ribbon of one inch and a quarter in width which shall in colour be crimson with a blue stripe each edge and two white and one blue stripe through the centre.

THE DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT MEDAL.

2. (a) Upon the special recommendation of the officer who may in time of war be placed in command of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police, or any portion of those forces in the field, the High Commissioner may award a silver medal having on one side the Royal crowned effigy and on the other side the words " For Distinguished Conduct in the Field " to a warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or man belonging to the said forces who has performed service of a distinctly gallant and distinguished nature in action in the field. Bars may be added on account of further distinguished conduct in action in the field. The regimental number, rank, name and corps of the recipient to be inscribed on the rim of the medal.

(b) The Distinguished Conduct Medal shall not confer any individual precedence, but shall entitle the recipient to the addition after his name of the letters D.C.M.

(c) The Distinguished Conduct Medal shall be worn before war medals in such order as may from time to time be assigned to it, and it shall be worn on the left breast pendent from a ribbon of one inch and one quarter in width, which shall be in colour crimson, having in the centre a dark blue stripe of a width equal to the crimson stripes on each side of it.

APPLICATION FOR MEDALS.

3. Recommendations for a medal, accompanied by descriptive returns, statements of service in the field, original Record of Service for the whole of the man's service, and certified copies of civil convictions (if any), must be forwarded to the Resident Commissioner through such channel as he may direct for consideration and submission to the High Commissioner.

#### PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.

4. Medals awarded under these regulations shall be presented on parade, and shall be worn by the recipient as an honourable testimonial of His Majesty's approbation of his conduct.

#### LOSS AND REPLACEMENT.

5. When a medal is lost through carelessness or neglect, the loser may be recommended by the Resident Commissioner to be provided with a new medal at his own expense. If the loss be accidental, the loser may be recommended to be supplied with a new medal, either at his own or at the public expense, according to the circumstances of the case.

An application for a new medal to replace one which has been lost must be accompanied by a statutory declaration as to the circumstances under which the original medal was lost. A new medal will not be issued until a period of six months has elapsed after the date upon which the loss occurred.

#### FORFEITURE OF MEDALS.

6. (a) Every warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or man of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police who has been convicted of an offence of the following nature, viz., treason, sedition, mutiny, cowardice, desertion or disgraceful conduct of an unnatural kind shall be liable to forfeit any Distinguished Conduct Medal or any war medal of which he may be in possession, or to which he may be entitled together with any gratuity appertaining thereto not already paid.

(b) Every warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or man of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police who is found guilty by a civil or military court of desertion, or any offence of a disgraceful or fraudulent nature, or is discharged in consequence of incorrigible and worthless character, or expressly on account of misconduct, shall forfeit any Meritorious Service Medal of which he may be in possession, or to which he may be entitled, together with all claims to consideration for the grant of the gratuity thereto appertaining not already paid.

#### RESTORATION OF FORFEITED MEDALS.

7. Any medal forfeited under the foregoing regulation may, on the recommendation of the Resident Commissioner, be restored by His Excellency the High Commissioner.

#### GRATUITIES.

8. In special cases the High Commissioner may approve the grant of a gratuity—

of £50 to the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal;  
of £25 to the recipient of the Distinguished Conduct Medal.

#### REGULATIONS NOT APPLICABLE TO MEMBERS OF THE IMPERIAL ARMY SERVING UNDER ENGAGEMENT WITH THE BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE POLICE.

9. These regulations are not applicable to any member of the Imperial Army serving under engagement with the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police.

Any application for a medal to which such a member may become entitled during his service with such force will be transmitted through the High Commissioner to the Imperial Army Authorities.