

BECHUANALAND PROTECTORATE.

HIGH COMMISSIONER'S NOTICE
No. 211 of 1948.

AMENDMENT OF THE REGULATIONS
GOVERNING THE GRANT OF THE "LONG
SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL" TO
MEMBERS OF THE BECHUANALAND PROTEC-
TORATE POLICE.

It is hereby notified for general information that with effect from the date of publication of the notice, the following amendments have been made to the regulations published under High Commissioner's Notice No. 96 of 1932.

By Command of His Excellency
the High Commissioner.

H. E. PRIESTMAN,
Administrative Secretary.

High Commissioner's Office,
Pretoria, 6th October, 1948.

1. The following amendment is made to regulation 1 (a) of High Commissioner's Notice No. 96 of 1932:—

Regulation 1 (a) is amended by the insertion of the words "subordinate officer" between the words "officer" and "non-commissioned officer" which appear in line 5 of the regulation.

2. The following regulations are substituted for regulations 2 and 3:—

"2. (a) The Long Service and Good Conduct Medal is a reward for long service with irreproachable character and conduct. The Resident Commissioner will, therefore, only recommend such members of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police as are in every way worthy of this distinction, and who fulfil the conditions hereinafter prescribed as requisite for an "exemplary" character. Even when a member of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police is eligible in both these respects, and by length of service (18 years), regard will be had to his conduct and character throughout his career, and to the number and nature of offences recorded in his Record of Service, irrespective of the punishments which may have been awarded.

(b) (1) A member of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police shall be deemed to possess an exemplary character if—

(i) he has not been convicted of an offence involving moral turpitude;

(ii) he has not been guilty frequently of minor disciplinary offences;

(iii) he has not been guilty of any serious disciplinary offences during the last six years of his service; and

(iv) he has, in the opinion of the Commissioner of Police, set a high example by his conduct.

(2) The Commissioner of Police will be the sole judge as to whether a subordinate officer or trooper shall be awarded the assessment of 'exemplary character' and should a subordinate officer or trooper be eligible under paragraph (b) (1) above nevertheless the award of 'exemplary character' for the purposes of this medal is within the discretion of the Commissioner of Police and will be reserved for those whose conduct in his opinion has set a high example.

(c) The following are ineligible for the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal, and must not be recommended:—

(i) A member of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police who has been convicted of any offence of a disgraceful character.

(ii) A member of the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police who, during the last 16 years of his service—

(a) has incurred more than six entries in his Record of Service; or

(b) has been guilty of desertion or fraudulent enlistment; or

(c) has been convicted of any serious offence mentioned in the Schedule to the Bechuanaland Protectorate Police General Regulations; or

(d) has been drunk on duty or after having been warned for duty, or has rendered himself unfit for duty through drink; or has been admitted to hospital for alcoholism; or

(e) has, as a warrant officer or non-commissioned officer, been reduced, severely reprimanded or permitted to revert to escape trial for an offence, but not for inefficiency.

An entry in his Record of Service of gallant or distinguished conduct will be considered as diminishing by one the number of entries referred to in sub-section (ii) (a) hereof, but will not affect the member's eligibility or ineligibility for the medal in any other respect.

3. If the original Record of Service has been lost, a new Record of Service will be substituted for it and the recommendation will be forwarded, supported by this and by certificates from three more officers, covering the whole period recorded in the lost Record of Service, and stating that during that period no entries were incurred of such a nature as to disqualify the man under regulation 2."

3. Regulation 4 (*b*) is amended by the substitution of the words "regulation No. 2" for the words "regulations Nos. 2 and 3" .

4. Regulation 5 is amended by the substitution of the words "by the Commissioner of Police to the Resident Commissioner" for the words "to the Resident Commissioner through such channel as he may direct" .