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*His Excellency
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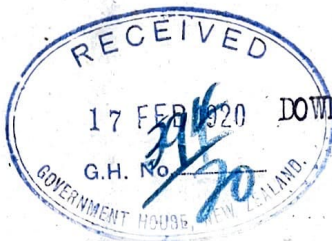
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29 December, 1919.

My Lord,

With reference to Lord Milner's despatches, Dominions No. 649 of the 13th of August and Dominions No. 756 of the 22nd of September, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of Admiralty Fleet Orders regarding the award of the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.

I, have the honour to be

My Lord,

Your Lordship's most obedient
humble Servant,

(for the Secretary of State)

J. S. Amery

GOVERNOR-GENERAL

HIS EXCELLENCY

THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

THE EARL OF LIVERPOOL, P.C., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., M.V.O.,

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W.O. 3973.—British War Medal.

(C.W. 26721.—10.12.1919.)

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to approve the issue of a Medal to record the bringing of the War to a successful conclusion, and the arduous services rendered by His Majesty's Forces.

1. The Medal will be in silver.
2. The riband will be orange (watered) in the centre with stripes or white and black on each side and with borders of Royal blue.
3. Provided the claims are approved by the Admiralty, the medal will be granted to those of the undermentioned classes who performed 28 days' mobilised service, or lost their lives in active operations before completing that period, between the 5th August 1914 and 11th November 1918, both dates inclusive.
 - (a) Officers, Warrant Officers, Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Naval Air Service, Royal Indian Marine, Royal Naval Reserve (including Trawler and Fishery Sections), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and Dominion and Colonial Naval Forces.
 - (b) Mercantile Marine Officers and men serving in His Majesty's Commissioned Ships and Auxiliaries under Special Naval Engagements (T.124 and its variants, including T.299).
 - (c) Officers and enrolled members of the Women's Royal Naval Service who proceeded and served overseas.
 - (d) Members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service and Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve, and recognised official nursing organisations, who served in a hospital ship at sea or proceeded overseas and served in a Naval Hospital abroad.
 - (e) Canteen Staffs who have served in a ship-of-war at sea.
 - (f) Non-nursing members of medical units, *e.g.*, dispensers, storekeepers, clerks, wardmaids, &c., who served in a Hospital Ship at sea or proceeded overseas and served in a Naval Hospital abroad.
4. Desertion or dismissal with disgrace since the date of the qualifying service forfeits the decoration.
5. The decorations earned by Officers and men deceased will be issued to their legatees or next-of-kin entitled to receive them.
6. A further announcement as to the issue of the medals and riband will be made in due course, and no applications should be made pending such notification.

(This Order will be reprinted for posting on Notice Boards.)

W.O. 3974.—“ Victory Medal ”—Award.

(C.W. 35482.—10.12.1919.)

His Majesty the King having been pleased to recognise by the grant of a distinctive medal the services rendered by His Majesty's Forces in operations of war since the 5th August, 1914, the following regulations for the award of the medal as regards the Navy are issued for information:—

1. The medal, which will be designated the “ Victory Medal,” will be similar in design to that issued by the other Allied and Associated Powers for corresponding services, and will obviate the interchange of Allied Commemorative War Medals. It will be in bronze and will be attached to the riband by a ring. No clasp will be issued with it.
2. The riband will be red in the centre, with green and violet on each side, shaded to form the colours of two rainbows.
3. Provided the claims are approved by the Admiralty, the medal will be granted to the under-mentioned classes who were mobilised and rendered approved service either (i) at sea between midnight the 4–5th August, 1914, and midnight 11–12th November, 1918, or (ii) on the establishment of a unit *within a theatre of military operations*:—
 - (a) All Officers and men of the R.N., R.M., R.N.A.S., R.I.M., R.N.R., R.N.V.R., R.N.A.S.B.R., and Dominion and Colonial Naval Forces. Trained pilots and observers and men of the R.N.A.S. employed in actual flying from Naval Air Stations at home or oversea patrols will be eligible.
 - (b) Mercantile Marine Officers and men serving under special Naval engagements (Form T.124 and its variants, including T.299) in H.M. Ships of War and Commissioned Fleet Auxiliaries.
 - (c) Members of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service, and Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve.
 - (d) Officers and enrolled members of the W.R.N.S.
 - (e) Canteen Staffs who served in a Ship of War at sea.
4. The following services are not approved as qualifying:—
 - (a) Service in Depot Ships, except those which go to sea; Boom Defence Vessels, Examination Vessels, and other craft employed on harbour service.
 - (b) Service at Shore Bases and Depôts, except those within theatres of active military operations.
 - (c) Services of a temporary and special nature at sea, or in theatres of military operations, e.g., casual inspections and enquiries, purchase of material, trials, passage, &c.
 - (d) Service at sea subsequent to midnight 11–12th November, 1918, except in certain specified cases, with regard to which a further announcement will be made.
5. Desertion or dismissal with disgrace since the date of the qualifying service forfeits the decoration.
6. The decorations earned by Officers and men deceased will be issued to their legatees or next-of-kin entitled to receive them.
7. A further announcement as to the issue of the riband will be made in due course, and no application should be made pending such notification.
8. For the purposes of this Order the definition of “ theatres of military operations ” is as in Appendix A.

APPENDIX A.

For the purpose of this order “ theatres of Military Operations ” are defined as under:—

1. *Western European Theatre*.—To include all operations in—
 - (a) France and Belgium, between midnight 4–5th August, 1914, and midnight 11–12th November, 1918.
 - (b) Italy, between midnight 17–18th April 1917 and midnight 4–5th November 1918.

2. *Balkan Theatre*.—To include all operations in —
- (a) Greek Macedonia, Serbia, Bulgaria and European Turkey, between midnight 4-5th October, 1915 and midnight 11-12th November, 1918.
 - (b) Gallipoli and islands of Aegean Sea, between midnight 24-25th April, 1915 and midnight 9-10th January, 1916.
Officers and men of the Plymouth and Chatham Battalions, R.M.L.I., who took part in the landing at Seddul Bahr and Kum Kale on the 4th March 1915 are eligible.
3. *Russian Theatre*.—To include all operations in Russia since midnight 4-5th August 1914.
4. *Egyptian Theatre*.—To include all operations —
- (a) In Egypt, between midnight 4-5th November, 1914 and midnight 18-19th March, 1916, but excluding operations for which the Sultan's Sudan Medal has been awarded.
 - (b) Conducted by the Egyptian Expeditionary Force between midnight 18-19th March, 1916 and midnight 31st October-1st November, 1918, but excluding operations for which the Sultan's Sudan Medal has been awarded.
5. *African Theatre*.—To include all operations as set forth below, but excluding local military operations against native tribes or rebels for which the African G.S. Medal is awarded:—
- (a) In British, German, and Portuguese East Africa, Nyasaland and Northern Rhodesia, between midnight 19-20th August 1914 and midnight 25-26th November 1918.
 - (b) In German South-West Africa and on the adjacent borders of the Union of South Africa between midnight 19-20th August 1914 and midnight 9-10th July, 1915.
 - (c) In Kamerun and on Eastern and Northern Frontiers of Nigeria between midnight 23rd-24th August, 1914 and midnight 18-19th February, 1916.
 - (d) In Nigeria between midnight 4-5th January 1917 and midnight 15-16th May, 1917.
 - (e) In Togoland between midnight 6-7th August 1914 and midnight 26-27th August 1914.
6. *Asiatic Theatre*.—To include all operations —
- (a) In Hedjaz, between midnight 4-5th November, 1914 and midnight 13-14th January, 1919.
 - (b) In Mesopotamia, from midnight 5-6th November 1914.
 - (c) In Persia and in the Persian Gulf, from midnight 5-6th November 1914.
 - (d) In trans-Caspia, from midnight 18-19th July, 1918.
 - (e) At Shaik Said (South-West Arabia), on 10th and 11th November 1914 and at Perim on 14th and 15th June 1915.
 - (f) Conducted by the Aden Field Force, between midnight 2nd-3rd July, 1915 and midnight 13-14th January 1919.
 - (g) In the Frontier regions of India, carried out by forces which actually took the field between 5th August 1914 and the 31st October, 1918.
 - (h) At Tsing-Tau, between midnight 22nd-23rd September, 1914 and midnight 7-8th November 1914.
7. *Australasian Theatre*.—To include all operations against the German Pacific Dependencies as follows:—
- (a) New Britain, from midnight 10-11th September 1914 to midnight 21st-22nd September 1914.
 - (b) New Ireland, from midnight 15-16th September 1914 to midnight 18-19th October, 1914.
 - (c) Kaiser Wilhelm Land, on 24th September 1914.
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 - (e) Nauru, on 6th November 1914.
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 - (a) Officers, Warrant Officers, Petty Officers, Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Royal Naval Air Service, Royal Indian Marine, Royal Naval Reserve (including Trawler and Fishery Sections), Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve, and Dominion and Colonial Naval Forces.
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