

**GENERAL ORDERS—NOVEMBER, 1923.**

GRANT OF THE KING'S MEDAL.

G.O. 418.

1923.

1. His Majesty has been graciously pleased to approve of the grant of six medals to be awarded annually to the champion shots respectively of the Military Forces at Home, and of the Military Forces of India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa (including Rhodesia).

2. The medal will be designated "The King's Medal."

3. The medal will be in silver, and will be similar in design to the medal instituted by the Royal Warrant dated 30th April, 1869, but will bear on the obverse the effigy of His Majesty.

4. The ribbon will be similar to that of the medal instituted by the Royal Warrant dated 30th April, 1869.

5. In each case in which the medal is issued a clasp will be affixed denoting the year of award.

6. A clasp only will be issued for a second or further award.

7. The medals will become the property of the winners, and may be worn during the whole of their service. They will be worn on the left breast.

8. The medals will be competed for at an annual central meeting in the several countries named in paragraph 1, under battle firing conditions. All competitors must be actual serving members of the Regular Army, Militia, Territorial Army, or Local Militia and Volunteer Forces in the countries concerned.

9. The competition for "troops at Home" will be held during the annual Bisley meeting of the National Rifle Association, and the detailed conditions, as approved by the Army Council, will be published in the handbook of that association.

10. The competitions in India, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa will be held at a recognized annual central meeting where one exists, or at a meeting to be nominated by the General Staff of the country concerned.

The detailed conditions for these competitions will be drawn up by the respective General Staffs of the countries concerned, based on the conditions as published for the competition at Home, but modified as may be necessary to meet special local circumstances, but in any case the spirit of the competition will not be departed from.

11. The names of the winners of the competitions will be notified to the Secretary, the War Office, for publication in Army Orders. The riband may be worn immediately the results of competitions are notified. (A.O. 174/1923.)

NOTE.—With reference to paragraph 10 of the above Army Order, it is notified that the competition for the King's

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- G.O. 418.** Medal in New Zealand will be held at the annual rifle meeting of the New Zealand Army Rifle Association at Trentham, and that the detailed conditions as approved by the Army Council for the competition for "troops at Home" will be adhered to in their entirety. The conditions will be published in the New Zealand Army Rifle Association's programme.  
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## KING'S REGULATIONS.—AMENDMENTS.

[Extract from Army Orders, July, 1923.]

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A.O. 269/1923.

1. Paragraph 291: For the portion referring to "R.H.A. and R.F.A. and R.G.A.," as amended by Army Orders 373 and 467 of 1920 and 186 of 1921, substitute—

<i>R.H.A. and R.F.A.</i> At Home and abroad (except India). <i>Up to the rank of sergeant.</i>	Lieut.- Colonel.	General rolls in each Lieut.-Colonel's command. Before making promotions the Lieut.-Colonel will ascertain from the Officer i/c Records whether there are any supernumeraries for absorption.
At Home and abroad (except India). <i>To battery quar- termaster-sergeant.</i>	Officer i/c Records.	(a) A roll of all R.H.A. sergeants, including instructors in equitation, at Home and abroad (except India). (b) A roll of all R.F.A. sergeants, including instructors in equitation, at Home and abroad (except India).
At Home and abroad (except India). <i>To warrant officer, Class II (battery sergeant-major).</i>	Officer i/c Records.	(a) A roll of all R.H.A. battery quartermaster-sergeants and sergeants, including assistant instructors in gunnery and equitation, at Home and abroad (except India). (b) A roll of all R.F.A. battery quartermaster-sergeants and sergeants, including assistant instructors in gunnery and equitation, at Home and abroad (except India).
All above mentioned in India.	..	Carried out under orders of the Commander-in-Chief in India. Before any promotions can be authorized it must be ascertained from the Officer i/c Records at Home whether there are any supernumeraries for absorption. Promotion to the rank of warrant officer, Class II (battery sergeant-major or equivalent appointment), will be made from a general roll of battery quartermaster-sergeants and sergeants, including assistant instructors in gunnery and equitation.
<i>To warrant officer, Class II (regimental quartermaster-ser- geant).</i>	Officer i/c Records.	(a) A roll of all warrant officers, Class II (battery sergeant-majors), and battery quartermaster-sergeants, R.H.A. (including assistant instructors in gunnery and equitation, R.H.A.), serving at Home and abroad, including India. Warrant officers, Class II, to have preference if recommended for the appointment of regimental quartermaster-sergeant.