

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 714.

The following Regulations made by His Excellency the Governor under the authority of the Royal Warrant of the 18th May, 1899, are published.

The Regulations made on the 26th June, 1901, and published in Government Notification No. 366 of the 27th June, 1901, are hereby cancelled.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th November, 1902.

HONGKONG.

REGULATIONS as to the Issue, Surrender, Forfeiture, and Restoration of the "Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration," and the "Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal," under the Royal Warrant of the 18th May, 1899.

Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.

- Persons eligible.** 1.—(a.) Officers having 20 years' commissioned service, which need not be continuous.
(b.) Honorary Colonels and Acting Chaplains who have the qualifying service of 20 years.
(c.) Officers who have retired and have the qualifying service.
- Qualifying service.** 2.—(a.) Service rendered partly in the Local Forces of one Colony or Protectorate, and partly in the Local Forces of another Colony or Protectorate, or partly in the local forces of one or more Colonies or Protectorates, and partly in the Volunteer Force of Great Britain, service on the West Coast of Africa counting double.
(b.) Service on the Permanent Staff shall not reckon as qualifying Service for the Decoration.
- Applications.** 3.—(a.) Application for the Decoration will be made in writing by the Commanding Officer of each Corps, and will in each case be supported by a statement of the applicant's service on Form A. Commanding Officers will forward their recommendation through the usual channels of correspondence to the Governor, together with the certificate marked B. or the certificate marked C.
(b.) The Decoration being granted as a reward for good and long service, Commanding Officers should in each case state in general terms the reason which, in their opinion, gives the applicant a claim to receive the Decoration.
- Publication.** 4.—(a.) The grant of the Decoration will be published in the Government Gazette.
(b.) The letters V.D. will be inserted in the Army List against the name of the Officer to whom the Decoration is given.
- Forfeiture.** 5. When the conduct of an Officer after he has been awarded the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration has been such as to disqualify him for wearing it, he may be deprived of it by the Governor.
- Restoration.** 6. A Decoration forfeited by an Officer under the provisions of paragraph 5 may be restored to him by the Governor.
- Loss.** 7. When a Decoration has been lost, and it is desired to replace it, a declaration must be made before a Magistrate stating the circumstances under which the loss occurred, and the rank, name, and corps of the Officer to whom the Decoration belonged. This declaration will be forwarded to the Commandant, through the usual channel of correspondence in the case of an Officer who is still serving, and direct, in the case of one who has retired. The Decoration will be replaced, on payment, if the explanation as to the loss is considered satisfactory.

COLONIAL AUXILIARY FORCES OFFICERS' DECORATION.

CERTIFICATE C.

FOR RETIRED OFFICERS.

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that _____ has completed the qualifying period of twenty years' service; that he was granted the usual privilege of honorary rank on retirement in the _____ Gazette, dated _____; and that he is to the best of our belief in every way deserving of the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.

(Signed.) _____ Adjutant.

(Countersigned.) _____ Commanding Officer.

Head Quarters _____

Date _____

NOTE.—Certificate C. will be signed and countersigned by the Adjutant and Commanding Officer of the Regiment or Corps in which the Officer was last serving.

Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal.

- Persons eligible. 1. Members of the Auxiliary Forces of all ranks may be granted a Medal designated "The Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal" after twenty years' service (which need not be continuous) in such Forces.
- Qualifying service. 2.—(a.) Service rendered partly in the Auxiliary Forces of one Colony or Protectorate and partly in the Auxiliary Forces of another Colony or Protectorate, or partly in the Auxiliary Forces of one or more Colonies or Protectorates, or Indian Volunteers, and partly in the Volunteer Force of Great Britain, shall be reckoned as qualifying service for the Medal, service on the West Coast of Africa counting double. The Medal may also be granted to Volunteers who have retired after completing twenty years' service and Officers who have served in the ranks but have not qualified for the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.
- (b.) Service on the Permanent Staff shall not reckon as qualifying Service for the Medal.
- Applications. 3. Applications for the Medal will be made on Form D. through the usual channel of correspondence to the Governor, whose decision upon the validity or otherwise of any claim to the Medal will be final. Retired Members will apply through the Officer Commanding the Regiment (or Corps) in which they last served.
- Nominal roll. 4. Commanding Officers will forward with form D. a nominal roll arranged alphabetically on Form E. This roll will be prepared in duplicate, one copy being retained by the Officer Commanding and the other forwarded with his recommendation to the Governor.
- Publication. 5. Names of recipients will be published in the Government Gazette, after the publication of which the original applications (Form D.) will be returned by the Governor to the Head Quarters of the Corps for record and retention.
- Distribution. 6. The distribution of the Medals will be made by the Senior Officer of the Corps, or as the Governor shall decide, at the earliest time that a good muster of the Corps can be reckoned upon.
- Surrender. 7. Any Officer who is subsequently awarded the "Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration" will not be required to surrender the Medal, but he will not be permitted to wear both.

8. When the conduct of any member of the Auxiliary Forces after he has been awarded the "Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal" has been such as to disqualify him for wearing it, he may be deprived of it by the Governor. Forfeiture.

9. A Medal forfeited by a member of the Auxiliary Forces under Paragraph 8 may be restored to him by the Governor. Restoration.

10. When a Long Service Medal has been lost and it is desired to replace it, a declaration must be made before a Magistrate stating the circumstances under which the loss occurred, and the Rank, Name, and Corps of the individual to whom the Medal belonged. The declaration will be forwarded to the Governor through the usual channel of correspondence in the case of an individual who is still serving, and direct to the Governor in the case of one who has retired. The Medal will be replaced if the explanation as to its loss is considered satisfactory. Loss.

FORM D.

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FOR THE COLONIAL AUXILIARY FORCES LONG
SERVICE MEDAL.

STATEMENT of Service of _____
of the _____

Head Quarters _____

Date _____

Corps Number.	Rank.	Service.		Total.			Remarks.
		From	To	Y.	M.	D.	
Grand Total,...							

WE HEREBY CERTIFY that, to the best of our belief, the above is a correct statement of the service of _____ and that we consider the applicant to have rendered meritorious service which renders him eligible for the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal.

(Signed.) _____ Adjutant.

(Countersigned.) _____ Commanding Officer.

FORM E.

NOMINAL ROLL OF OFFICERS, WARRANT OFFICERS, NON-COMMISSIONED OFFICERS,
AND PRIVATES RECOMMENDED FOR THE COLONIAL AUXILIARY
FORCES LONG SERVICE MEDAL.

Corps Number.	Rank.	Names.		Total Service.
		Christian.	Surname.	

Approved and recommended.

_____ Commanding Officer.

Head Quarters _____

Date _____

*Made by the Governor on this 15th day of November, 1902, under the authority of
the Royal Warrant of the 18th May, 1899.*

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 715.

Information has been received from the Government of Bengal that the Regulations for the prevention of the introduction of plague by sea, which were imposed in the port of Chittagong against vessels arriving from Hongkong, have been withdrawn.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 17th November, 1902.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.—No. 716.

The following Returns of Deaths, for the month of October, 1902, are published.

By Command,

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office, Hongkong, 21st September, 1902.