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COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPARTMENT.

Regulations as to the grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters concerning the Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal issued by the Governor with the approval of the Secretary of State for the Colonies pursuant to the Royal Warrant dated the 23rd March, 1934.

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THE COLONIAL POLICE AND FIRE BRIGADES
LONG SERVICE MEDAL.

HONG KONG.

1. The Colonial Police and Fire Brigades Long Service Medal will be granted as a reward for long service and good conduct to constables and subordinate officers below the rank of Assistant Superintendent of the Police Force of Hong Kong who on or after the 23rd day of March, 1934, shall have completed not less than eighteen years' continuous service as hereinafter defined.

This Medal will carry with it the grant of an allowance of \$60 per annum.

On the completion of twenty-five years continuous service the allowance granted will be increased to \$90 per annum and on the completion of thirty years continuous service the allowance granted will be increased to \$120 per annum.

The allowance is non-pensionable and terminates on cessation of service or on forfeiture of medal.

2. For the purpose of these Regulations service will only be reckoned as qualifying service provided that the person recommended for the grant of the Medal is in possession of an exemplary character.

Exemplary character means either a clear record or an average of not more than two black marks for each year of service under the Police mark system, black marks cancelled be red marks under such system being disregarded, always provided that no grave offence has been committed by the person concerned during the last five years.

3.—(a) Qualifying service in the Civil Police Forces of other Colonies or territories under His Majesty's protection may be allowed to reckon towards the required period of qualifying service provided that the total period of such service amounts to not less than eighteen years: provided, however, that where service has been rendered in more than one such territory as aforesaid an interval not exceeding twelve months between any two periods of service shall not

be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service: provided also that a break of service not exceeding six calendar months in any one such territory shall not be regarded as breaking the continuity of such service.

(b) Service in Military Police Forces shall not be regarded as qualifying service.

4. Recommendations for the award of the Medal shall be submitted by the Officer in Command of the Police Force to the Governor or Officer Administering the Government. The Medal will be awarded on the authority of the Governor or Officer Administering the Government and a notification of such award shall be published in the Government Gazette.

5. In the event of loss of the medal application may be made for replacement. The application must state the circumstances in which the loss occurred, and will be forwarded to the Governor or Officer Administering the Government through the Officer in Command of the Police Force. If the explanation as to loss is considered satisfactory the medal will be replaced on payment, unless it is decided to relieve the recipient of this liability.

6.—(a) A recipient of the Medal who is convicted of a criminal offence or is dismissed or removed from the Police Force for misconduct shall forfeit the Medal unless the Governor or Officer Administering the Government shall otherwise direct.

(b) A Medal so forfeited may be restored to the recipient by the Governor or Officer Administering the Government at his discretion.

(c) A notice of forfeiture or restoration shall in every case be published in the Government Gazette.

7. The foregoing regulations shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to persons holding equivalent positions and rendering whole-time service in the Hong Kong Fire Brigade. Officers above the rank of Superintendent of the Fire Brigade will not be eligible for the Medal.