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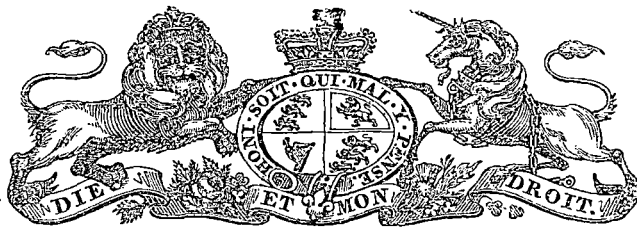
PARLIAMENT OF TASMANIA.

TASMANIAN DEFENCE FORCE:

REGULATIONS FOR THE GRANT OF DISTINGUISHED
CONDUCT MEDALS, &c.

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**GOVERNMENT NOTICE.**

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Chief Secretary's Office, 27th October, 1897.

THE Governor has been pleased to approve of the following Regulations for the grant of Distinguished Conduct, Meritorious Service, Long Service, and Good Conduct Medals to the Tasmanian Permanent Forces.

By His Excellency's Command,

WM. MOORE, *Chief Secretary.*

REGULATIONS for the Grant of Distinguished Conduct, Meritorious Service, Long Service, and Good Conduct Medals to the Tasmanian Permanent Forces.

For Meritorious Service for Sergeants.

1. A Silver Medal, having on one side the Royal Effigy, and on the other side the name of the Colony and the words "For Meritorious Service," shall be issued on the recommendation of the Commandant, with the approval of the Governor, to a soldier of the Permanent Forces above the rank of Corporal. The rank, name, and corps of the recipient shall be inscribed on the rim.

For Distinguished Conduct in the Field.

2. Upon special recommendation of the Commandant, with the approval of the Governor, a Silver Medal, bearing on it the name of the Colony and the words "For Distinguished Conduct in the Field," shall be issued to a soldier of the Permanent Forces of any rank below that of a Commissioned Officer.

3. In a case where a soldier already in possession of a Medal for Distinguished Conduct under Article 2 is recommended by the Commandant and approved by the Governor on account of further Distinguished Conduct in the Field, a Bar shall be added to the Distinguished Conduct Medal already conferred.

LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT.

For Long Service and Good Conduct.

4. On the recommendation of the Commandant, approved by the Governor, a Silver Medal shall be awarded to a Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier who has served for 18 years with an irreproachable character, and has not been convicted by a Court Martial during that period, or is eligible for a Medal notwithstanding such conviction under Article 6. The Medal shall bear on one side the name of the Colony and the words "For Long Service and Good Conduct," and on the other side the Royal Arms, and shall be presented in Her Majesty's name by the Commanding Officer on parade. It shall be worn by the soldier as an honourable testimonial of the Queen's approbation of his conduct. A soldier qualified by length of service who may have distinguished himself by the display of zeal and gallantry in the Permanent Forces shall also be eligible for this Medal, although he may not strictly fulfil the required conditions. The rank, name, and Corps of the recipient shall be inscribed on the rim.

Cases which are absolutely ineligible.

5. Any Non-commissioned Officer or Soldier who within the last 18 years has been twelve times entered in the Regimental Defaulter Book, has ten cases of drunkenness recorded against him, or has been convicted by a Court Martial, or for felony, or any offence of a disgraceful nature by the Civil Power, or as a Non-Commissioned Officer has been drunk under arms, is absolutely ineligible for these rewards.

If reduced to the ranks, &c.

6. A Non-commissioned Officer convicted by Court Martial, and reduced to the ranks or to a lower grade for any offence

for which he would not have been tried had he been a private soldier, shall, if his conduct has been good for a continuous period of five years from the date of such reduction, not be precluded by such reduction from receiving the Medal referred to in Article 4.

Return of Medal if necessary.

7. A Medal granted to a Non-commissioned Officer or Private under Article 4 shall be surrendered on his receiving a Medal for Meritorious Service.

FORFEITURE AND RESTORATION OF MEDAL.

Forfeiture on conviction by Court Martial.

8. Every Soldier who is found guilty by a Court Martial of the following offences; viz.—

Desertion,

Fraudulent Enlistment,

Any offence under Section 17 or 18 of "The Army Act, 1881,"

and every Soldier who is sentenced by a Court Martial to penal servitude or to be discharged with ignominy, shall forfeit all Medals and Decorations (other than the Victoria Cross, which is dealt with under special Regulations) of which he may be in possession or to which he may be entitled.

Other causes.

9. Every Soldier who—

(a) Is liable to trial on confession of desertion or fraudulent enlistment, but whose trial has been dispensed with.

(b) Is discharged in consequence of incorrigible and worthless character, or expressly on account of misconduct, or on conviction by the Civil Power, or on being sentenced to penal servitude, or for giving a false answer on attestation.

(c) Is found guilty by a Civil Court of an offence which, if tried by Court Martial, would be cognisable under Section 17 or 18 of "The Army Act, 1881," or is sentenced by a Civil Court to a punishment exceeding six months' imprisonment,

shall forfeit all Medals (other than the Victoria Cross, which is dealt with under special regulations) granted to him subsequently to the 26th October, 1897.

10. Any General or District Court Martial may, in addition to or without any other punishment, sentence any offender to forfeit any Medal or Decoration (other than the Victoria Cross, which is dealt with under special regulations); but no such forfeiture shall be awarded by the Court Martial when the offence is such that the conviction does of itself entail a forfeiture under Articles 8 and 9.

For subsequent misconduct.

11. When the conduct of a Soldier who has earned the Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct has, after the award of the Medal, been such as to disqualify him from wearing the Medal, it shall be competent for the Governor, on the recommendation of the Commandant, to deprive him of the Medal.

Restoration.

12. Any Medal or Decoration forfeited by a Soldier under the provisions of Articles 8 to 11 may be restored to such Soldier by the Governor on the recommendation of the Commandant.

STOPPAGES FOR MEDALS REPLACED.

13. If a Soldier be permitted or required to replace a Medal wilfully made away with or lost through carelessness or otherwise, he shall be subjected to a stoppage equivalent to the value of the Medal or Clasp.

Approved.

GORMANSTON, *Govr.*

October 28th, 1897.