

Serial Number **1954/12****NEW ZEALAND****ROYAL WARRANT****The Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces**

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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and of Her other Realms and Territories, Queen, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

WHEREAS WE are desirous of encouraging skill in small arms shooting in Our Air Forces, not only on account of the need for the effective defence of airfields in war, but also because such skill has an important bearing on the standard of shooting in the air on which the air defence battle so largely depends:

NOW, THEREFORE, WE do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors institute and create a new Medal and We do hereby direct that it shall be governed by the following rules and ordinances.

Firstly: Style.—It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled “The Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces”.

Secondly: Description.—It is ordained that the award shall be in silver in the form of a circular Medal bearing on the obverse the Crowned Effigy of the Sovereign and on the reverse the inscription “The Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces” together with a representation of Hermes throwing a javelin and mounted on a hawk in flight.

Thirdly: Ribbon.—It is ordained that the Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon one inch and a quarter in width of dark crimson, with at both edges three stripes in dark blue, light blue, and dark blue respectively, each one-eighth of an inch in width.

Fourthly: Clasps.—It is ordained that every such Medal granted shall be accompanied by a Clasp to be affixed to the ribbon, and bearing the year of award inscribed thereon. Should a recipient of the award subsequently qualify for the Medal again, a Clasp only will be granted on each such occasion. When the ribbon only is worn the grant of a second or further Clasp shall be denoted by the wearing on the ribbon of a silver rose Emblem, one or more Emblems being worn according to the number of such additional Clasps granted.

Fifthly: Eligibility.—It is ordained that one Medal or Clasp only shall be granted annually in each of the Air Forces of Our Commonwealth, that is to say, one in our Air Forces of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and one in the Air Forces of any other Members of the Commonwealth, Our Government whereof shall desire to take part in the grant of the award, under Regulations approved by Us. Our Government in each Member Country of the Commonwealth participating in the award shall decide which, if any,

of our auxiliary or reserve Air Forces in the Country concerned shall, with Our Regular Air Force there, compete for the award. The Champion Shot in each Commonwealth Country, Our Government whereof shall desire to take part in the grant of the award, shall be selected under conditions laid down in the Regulations hereinafter mentioned.

Sixthly: Registration.—It is ordained that the names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded shall be recorded in the manner prescribed in the Regulations hereafter mentioned.

Seventhly: Names of recipients.—It is ordained that the names of recipients shall be engraved or stamped on the rim of the Medals.

Eighthly: Order of Wear.—It is ordained that in the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn, the Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces shall be placed immediately after the Queen's Medal (for Champion Shots in the Military Forces).

Ninthly: Miniatures.—It is ordained that reproductions of the Medal, known as miniature Medals, which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Medal is awarded, shall be approximately half the size of the Queen's Medal for Champion Shots of the Air Forces, and a sealed pattern of the miniature Medal shall be kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

Tenthly: Forfeiture and Restoration.—It is ordained that it shall be competent for our Secretary of State for Air, or for the appropriate Minister of State in any Commonwealth Country, Our Government whereof shall desire, in relation to the Air Forces within their respective jurisdiction, to cancel and annul the conferment of the Medal or Clasp on any person, under the conditions laid down in the Regulations hereinafter mentioned, and also to restore a forfeited award, under those Regulations.

Eleventhly: Regulations.—It is ordained that the award shall be conferred under such Regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration and other matters, in amplification of this Our Warrant, as may with Our approval be issued from time to time by the Secretary of State for Air or by the appropriate Minister of State in any Commonwealth country, Our Government whereof shall desire to take part in the grant of the award.

Lastly: Annulment, etc., of rules and ordinances.—We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at St. James's this twelfth day of June one thousand nine hundred and fifty-three, in the Second year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,

De L'Isle and Dudley.