

COMMITTEE ON THE GRANT OF HONOURS DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

TERMS OF AWARD OF

THE NAVAL GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL

AND

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(ARMY AND ROYAL AIR FORCE)**

FOR

**SERVICE IN MALAYA
SINCE 16TH JUNE, 1948**

Presented by the Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury to Parliament,
by Command of His Majesty
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1.
 - i. The Committee on the grant of Honours, Decorations and Medals have had under consideration the need for the general recognition of service in the Forces and in the Police in Malaya, that is to say, in the Federation of Malaya and the Colony of Singapore in the period since a state of emergency was declared, with special regard to the hardships and dangers which have accompanied duty there.
 - ii. Their recommendations have been duly submitted to The King, who has been advised by the Prime Minister on matters likely to give rise to difference of opinion. His Majesty has now graciously approved the recommendations set out below.
2. Approval has been given for the award of the two current General Service Medals, each with an appropriate Clasp, for service in Malaya since 16th June, 1948, inclusive, the awards being granted subject to the conditions set out below. For specified service in the Royal Navy, the Naval General Service Medal, instituted in 1915, will be awarded. For specified service in the Army or Royal Air Force, the General Service Medal (Army and Royal Air Force), instituted in 1918, will be granted. This Medal will also be awarded to members of specified Police Forces who qualify. While present conditions last, service will continue to be a qualification up to a future date to be fixed in due course.

Royal Navy

3.
 - i. *Naval Service Afloat.* - The qualifying service will be twenty-eight days since 16th June, 1948, inclusive, in ships or craft patrolling off the Malayan coast in support of operations against bandits.
 - ii. *Naval Service Ashore.* - The qualifying period will be service of one day or more on duty ashore in the Federation of Malaya attached to other eligible Forces or Police since 16th June, 1948, inclusive.

Army

4.
 - i. The qualification in the Army will be service of one day or more on the posted strength of a unit or formation in the Federation of Malaya or the Colony of Singapore, since 16th June, 1948, inclusive.
 - ii. Ceylon Pioneers and Ceylonese locally enlisted on two year engagements for guard and labour duties in Malaya, and Indian Medical personnel commissioned or enlisted for service with the Army will be eligible, the qualifications being those for the Army.

Royal Air Force

5. The qualification in the Royal Air Force will be service of one day or more on the posted strength of a unit or formation stationed in the Federation of Malaya or the Colony of Singapore, since 16th June, 1948, inclusive. Service in the Federation of Malaya with the detachment of No. 45 Squadron, normally based in Ceylon, will be a qualification.

Forces Raised Locally

6. Members of the following Forces will be eligible in respect of service since 16th June, 1948, inclusive, provided that they were uniformed, that their training had been completed and they had been passed out, and that either the Force was serving continuously on a full-time basis, or they were attached individually to the United Kingdom Forces for duty in operations on a continuous full-time basis. The qualifications for the Naval Forces will be those for the Royal Navy, for the Army unit as for the Army, and for the Royal Air Force units as authorised for the Royal Air Force.

- i. Malaya Naval Force.
- ii. Malaya Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.
- iii. Malaya Regiment.
- iv. Royal Air Force, Malaya.
- v. Royal Air Force Regiment, Malaya.
- vi. Royal Air Force Auxiliary Police, Malaya.

Various Civilian Categories, mainly from the United Kingdom

7. Members of certain civilian categories named below who served with the Forces on land in the Federation of Malaya or the Colony of Singapore, will be eligible under the same rules as for the Army and Royal Air Force, respectively.

- i. Members of the following organisations who wore the approved uniform:-
 - a. British Red Cross Society and Order of St. John.
 - b. War Department Physiotherapists sent out from the United Kingdom on tours of duty, who wore British Red Cross Society uniform.
 - c. Navy, Army and Air Force Institutes staff.
 - d. Women's Voluntary Services personnel who served under N.A.A.F.I.
 - e. Soldiers', Sailors' and Airmen's Families Association.
 - f. Forces Help Society.
- ii. Civilian Works Staff who held C.C. Commissions in the Royal Air Force and wore Royal Air Force uniform.

Various Civilian Categories raised in Malaya or Sarawak

8. Members of the following civilian categories who served on land after 16th June, 1948, inclusive, will be eligible, provided they were properly enlisted or enrolled. The qualification is twenty-eight days of full-time service in the Federation of Malaya or in the Colony of Singapore, since 16th June, 1948, inclusive.

- i. Ferret Force (July to December 1948).
- ii. Civil Liaison Corps (since December 1948, inclusive).
- iii. Dyaks (recruited from Sarawak and allocated to (i) or (ii), above).

Civil Police Forces

9. Members of the following Civil Police Forces will be eligible in respect of service since 16th June, 1948, provided they were properly enlisted. The qualification is three months' full-time service in the Federation of Malaya or the Colony of Singapore, since 16th June, 1948, inclusive.

- i. Regular Malayan Police.
- ii. North Borneo Armed Constabulary (the Detachment lent for service in Malaya, October 1948, to April 1949).
- iii. Special Constabulary.
- iv. Extra Police Constables.

General

10.

- i. *Short Service.* -
 - a. The grant to persons described in paragraphs 3(i), 8 or 9 above, for gallantry on a specific occasion during the uncompleted qualifying period, not amounting to twenty-eight days or three months, as the case may be, of a British Honour, Decoration or Medal of the status of the British Empire Medal or above, or a Mention in Despatches or a King's Commendation, will qualify the recipient for the General Service Medal.
 - b. If qualifying service described in paragraphs 3(i), 8 or 9 above, is brought to an end before the completion of twenty-eight days or three months, as the case may be, on account of death or evacuation owing to wounds or other disability due to service, the reduced period of service will be sufficient qualification for the award.
- ii. *Visits, Inspections, &c.*- For official visits, inspections, &c., on duty by members of the Royal Navy, Army or Royal Air Force in the Federation of Malaya, or by members of the Army or Royal Air Force in the Colony of Singapore, the time qualification will be thirty days.
- iii. *Foreign Subjects.* - Persons of foreign nationality, for instance Chinese, properly enlisted or enrolled in qualifying categories above such as Ferret Force or the Civil Liaison Corps dealt with in paragraph 8, will be eligible, subject to the approved conditions.
- iv. *Awards.* - Awards of one or other of the General Service Medals, as appropriate, will be made forthwith to those who have already qualified. Those who enter operational service in the future will be granted the appropriate award when they have qualified. The ribbon will be issued shortly. The manufacture and issue of the General Service Medals themselves will be undertaken as soon as circumstances permit.
- v. *Clasps.* - It is the present intention that there should be one Clasp to the Naval General Service Medal and one Clasp to the General Service Medal (Army and Royal Air Force). The award of the Clasp will indicate that the General Service Medal was granted for service in the Federation of Malaya in this period under consideration. The inscription will not be settled until later and Clasps will not be issued for the present. When a grant of the appropriate General Service Medal has already been made for service prior to 16th June, 1948, the award of a Clasp for these current services will be recorded as soon as the candidate has qualified.