

Defence

Cap. 159.

DEFENCE (DECORATIONS)
REGULATIONS, 1985

1985/185.

Authority: These regulations were made on 26th November 1985 by the Defence Board under sections 224(1) and 227(1) of the *Defence Act*.

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1. These Regulations may be cited as the *Defence* Short title.
(*Decorations*) *Regulations, 1985*.

2. (1) In these regulations,

Inter-pretation.

"full-time service" means service by a member of the Reserve on a full-time basis with the Barbados Defence Force;

"non-operational service" means routine service with the Barbados Defence Force in all circumstances other than in circumstances of operational service;

"operational service" means service with the Barbados Defence Force;

(a) in circumstances of war, insurrection, rebellion, internal security duties in aid of the civil power, search and rescue, disaster relief, or

(b) in any other circumstance determined by the Defence Board;

"reserve service" means service as a member of the Reserve.

(2) These regulations do not apply to the Cadet Corps.

(3) The service of a soldier

(a) is exemplary if he has had

(i) no awards of imprisonment or preventive detention,

(ii) no awards of detention or field punishment,

(iii) no reduction in substantive rank on disciplinary grounds, and

(iv) no case of desertion in which trial has been dispensed with; and

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- (b) is very good if
- (i) he has had no awards of imprisonment or preventive detention,
 - (ii) he spent, in the aggregate, no more than 14 days of his service in detention or field punishment,
 - (iii) he has had no reduction in substantive rank on disciplinary grounds, and
 - (iv) he has had no case of desertion in which trial has been dispensed with.

Decorations. 3. (1) There shall be for members of the Barbados Defence Force the following decorations:

- (a) the Meritorious Service Cross;
- (b) the Meritorious Service Star;
- (c) the Meritorious Service Medal;
- (d) the Services Medal of Honour;
- (e) the Efficiency Decoration;
- (f) the Efficiency Medal;
- (g) the General Service Medal;
- (h) the Regional Security System Medal;
- (i) the Defence Board Commendation;
- (j) the Chief of Staff's Commendation.

(2) The decorations set out in paragraph (1) take precedence in descending order in which they are set out, the Meritorious Service Cross being first.

First Schedule. (3) The insignia for decorations shall be in accordance with the *First Schedule*.

Meritorious Service Cross. 4. (1) A commissioned officer in the Barbados Defence Force who has given outstanding service or performed an act of valour in operational circumstances is eligible for the award of the Meritorious Service Cross.

(2) The recipient of the Meritorious Service Cross is entitled to use the letters "MSC" after his name.

Meritorious Service Star. 5. (1) A warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier of the Barbados Defence Force is eligible for the award of the Meritorious Service Star if he has given outstanding service or performed an act of valour in operational circumstances.

(2) The recipient of the Meritorious Service Star is entitled to use the letters "MSS" after his name.

6. A commissioned officer, warrant officer, non-commissioned officer or soldier of the Barbados Defence Force is eligible for the award of the Meritorious Service Medal if he has performed, whether in operational or non-operational circumstances, meritorious service considered worthy of recognition.

Meritorious
Service
Medal.

7. Any person who has completed 15 years exemplary and unbroken service as a member of the regular Force and has been recommended by the Chief of Staff in accordance with the *Services Medal of Honour Regulations, 1980*, contained in the Schedule to the Letters Patent Instituting the Barbados Services Medal of Honour given at Bridgetown on the 25th day of July 1980 may be awarded the Services Medal of Honour.

Services
Medal of
Honour.

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Gazette
July 28,
1980.
Second
Schedule.

8. (1) Subject to this regulation, any person who has served as a commissioned officer of the Barbados Defence Force for at least 12 years qualifying service is eligible to be awarded the Efficiency Decoration.

Efficiency
Decoration.

(2) Qualifying service for the Efficiency Decoration shall be as follows:

- (a) at least 12 years continuous service in the first class of the reserve at least 9 years of which must be proficient;
 - (b) at least
 - (i) 9 years proficient service, in the aggregate, in the first class of the Reserve, and
 - (ii) 3 years in the regular Force or 3 years full-time service; or
 - (c) at least
 - (i) 9 years proficient service, in the aggregate, in the first class of the Reserve, and
 - (ii) 6 years service in the second class of the Reserve at least 4 of which must be proficient.
- (3) For the purposes of this regulation,
- (a) where there was a break in service for 6 months or more, service done prior to the break shall not be counted;

- (b) only half the service done as a Pioneer or Junior Leader shall be counted;
- (c) only service that had not been counted in respect of a decoration other than the Efficiency Decoration may be counted;
- (d) service done by any person before attaining the age of 18 years shall not be counted.

Proclama-
tions,
Orders
and Regu-
lations
1935 and
1936.

(4) Notwithstanding paragraph (3), any service done by a member of the Barbados Defence Force prior to the 15th day of August, 1979 that would have been qualifying service for the purposes of the Regulations made in pursuance of the Royal Warrant dated the 23rd September, 1930, governing the award of the Efficiency Decoration in Barbados may be counted for the purposes of this regulation.

(5) In each year of proficient service, a member of the first class of the Reserve

- (a) must have attended 25 percent of all training parades and training days,
- (b) must have attended all compulsory parades, unless he was on official leave of absence,
- (c) must have attended annual training camp or other full-time service for at least 12 consecutive days,
- (d) must have answered all call-outs of the Reserve,
- (e) must have qualified at the annual musketry course,
- (f) must have passed all annual classification tests;
- (g) must be of very good conduct.

(6) In each year of proficient service, a member of the second class of the Reserve

- (a) must have attended at least one training parade every 3 months,
- (b) must have answered all call-outs of the second class of the Reserve,
- (c) must have qualified at the annual musketry course, and
- (d) must be of very good conduct.

(7) A member of the first class of the Reserve or the second class of the Reserve must have been recommended by his commanding officer for the Efficiency Decoration.

(8) For the purposes of this regulation, full-time service shall be deemed to be proficient service if as a result of such full-time service a member of the Reserve has been unable to attend parades.

(9) For each successive period of 6 years qualifying service after the initial award of the Efficiency Decoration, one clasp to the Efficiency Decoration may be awarded, but at least 4 years of each period of 6 years must be proficient.

(10) The recipient of the Efficiency Decoration is entitled to use the letters "ED" after his name.

9. (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) to (9) of regulation 8, any person who has served as a Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Soldier of the Barbados Defence Force for a period of at least 12 years qualifying service is eligible to be awarded the Efficiency Medal.

(2) The recipient of the Efficiency Medal is entitled to use the letters "EM" after his name.

10. (1) A person is eligible to be awarded the General Service Medal if he

(a) is serving as a Commissioned Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Soldier of the Barbados Defence Force,

(b) has participated in a specific operation, event or series of events on or within dates specified by the Defence Board, and

(c) has complied with any condition specified by the Defence Board.

(2) In accordance with the instructions of the Defence Board the clasps to be worn on the ribbon of the General Service Medal shall be awarded for each separate occasion that the Medal is issued.

11. (1) A person is eligible to be awarded the Regional Security System Medal if, at the time of qualification, he

(a) is serving as a Commissioned Officer, Warrant Officer, Non-Commissioned Officer or Soldier in the Barbados Defence Force on full-time service;

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- (b) has participated in a specific operation, event or series of events with the security forces of the Regional Security System as determined by the Council of Ministers of the System and approved by the Cabinet as an operation, event or series of events in respect of which the Medal may be awarded, and
- (c) has complied with any conditions specified by the Defence Board.

(2) In accordance with the instructions of the Council of Ministers of the Regional Security System and subject to paragraph (1) (b), the clasps and other insignia to be worn on the ribbon of the Regional Security System Medal shall be awarded for each separate occasion that the Medal is issued.

(3) For the purposes of these regulations the Regional Security System means the organisation established by the Memorandum of Understanding done at Roseau on the 29th October, 1982 as amended by the Protocol done at Bridgetown on the 17th February, 1984, and the Protocol done at Kingston on the 26th day of February, 1985, relating to Security and Military Co-operation among the states signatories thereto.

Defence
Board
Commenda-
tion.

12. The Defence Board Commendation Certificate may be awarded to any member of the Barbados Defence Force who, in the opinion of the Defence Board, deserves to be commended for an act or service that may not warrant a higher award.

13. A Ribbon bar shall be worn above the right hand breast pocket by any person to whom the Defence Board Commendation Certificate has been awarded.

Chief of
Staff
Commenda-
tion.

14. The Chief of Staff Commendation Certificate shall be awarded to any member of the Barbados Defence Force who, in the opinion of the Chief of Staff deserves to be commended for an act or service that may not warrant a higher decoration.

Discretion
of Defence
Board.

15. Notwithstanding anything contained in these regulations the Defence Board may, in its discretion, award any Medal after taking into account any special circumstances.

16. The names of persons to whom the following decorations are awarded shall be published in the *Official Gazette*:

Publica-
tion of
names.

- (a) the Meritorious Service Cross;
- (b) the Meritorious Service Star;
- (c) the Meritorious Service Medal;
- (d) the Services Medal of Honour;
- (e) the Efficiency Decoration;
- (f) the Efficiency Medal.

17. Where appropriate, application for Defence Force decorations shall be made in writing in Form A in the *Second Schedule* to the Chief of Staff, who shall forward the application and his recommendation to the Defence Board.

Applica-
tion for
Honours
and Awards

18. (1) All decorations shall be worn suspended on the left breast by a ribbon 32 millimeters in width, and in the case of Officers and Warrant Officers the decorations shall be Court Mounted.

How Worn.

(2) When a member of the Barbados Defence Force has been awarded a national honour or award he shall wear the military version of the honour or award, and the national honour or award shall take precedence over any other decoration.

19. (1) When a medal or clasp has been lost and the person to whom it was awarded wishes to have it replaced he shall make a written declaration to the Chief of Staff stating the circumstances under which the loss occurred and the declaration shall be forwarded to the Defence Board who shall determine whether the medal or clasp shall be replaced and what fee, if any, shall be paid for the replacement.

Loss and
replac-
ement.

20. (1) Any person to whom a decoration has been awarded shall forfeit it if he is convicted by a Court Martial of high treason, treason, murder, sedition, mutiny, cowardice, desertion, fraud when in charge of money or goods, disgraceful conduct or fraudulent enlistment, or cashiered, discharged with ignominy or as a result of conviction by a Civil Court, but the Governor-General

Forfeiture
and restora-
tion.

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may, in his discretion, restore any decoration so forfeited upon consideration of a report from the Defence Board.

(2) A notice of forfeiture or restoration shall in every case be published in the *Official Gazette*.

Posthumous
Honours
and Awards.

21. (1) Only the Meritorious Service Cross and Meritorious Service Star may be awarded posthumously, where the recipient lost his life during the performance of an act of gallantry that qualified him for the decoration.

(2) Decorations, other than those mentioned in paragraph (1), may be awarded posthumously if the person to whom it would have been made would have been eligible had he not died.

Revocation.

22. (1) Subject to regulation 8(4), the Regulations made in pursuance of the Royal Warrant dated 23rd September, 1930, governing the award of the Efficiency Decoration in Barbados are revoked.

(2) The provisions of the Queens Regulations for the Army respecting the award of Orders, Decorations and Medals cease to have effect in Barbados.

FIRST SCHEDULE

(Regulation 3(2))

INSIGNIA FOR BARBADOS DEFENCE FORCE DECORATIONS

General

1. All Barbados Defence Force decorations shall be of silver or nickel plated silver.

2. All ribbons, except where the award is court mounted, shall be of a standard length of 42mm overall and 32mm in overall width.

3. Miniatures of decorations may be worn by Officers, Warrant Officers and Sergeants.

4. Miniatures of honours and awards shall comply with the following:
- (a) The Meritorious Service Cross shall not exceed 20mm at its widest point;
 - (b) The wreath of the Efficiency Decoration shall be 20mm in length and 17mm in width;
 - (c) The Efficiency Medal shall be 20mm in length and 17mm in width;
 - (d) All Medals, other than those mentioned in sub-paragraphs (a) to (c), shall be 18mm in diameter;
 - (e) Ribbons shall be 16mm wide and 33mm long, except when court mounted.

5. In all cases the rank, name and initials of the recipient shall be engraved on the rim or reverse of the Award.

Meritorious Service Cross

6. The cross shall be a formy type of cross and on the obverse within the circular centre, a hand grasping 2 crossed sticks of sugar cane. Interspersed between each arm of the cross shall be a 'Pride of Barbados' flower. Each arm of the cross shall carry an impression of a trident head. The reverse shall carry the words 'FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE BDF'. The word 'FOR' shall be in the centre of the top arm of the cross; the word 'Meritorious' around the top half of the circumference of the centre circle; the word 'SERVICE' around the lower half of the circumference of the centre circle; and the word 'BDF' in the centre of the lower arm of the cross. The cross at its widest point shall not exceed 36mm, and shall be suspended by means of a ring from the ribbon. The Cross.

7. The ribbon shall be purple with 3 vertical gold stripes. The 2 outer gold stripes shall be 3mm in width and shall be placed each 3mm from either edge of the ribbon. The third gold stripe shall be 10mm in width and placed centrally on the ribbon. The ribbon shall be doubled over, and the bottom shall reach to 3mm below and behind the upper arm of the cross. The Ribbon.

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Meritorious Service Star

The Star. 8. The star shall have 6 points and shall be 35mm at its widest point with, on the obverse in the centre, a hand grasping 2 crossed sticks of sugar cane, against a background of the rising sun. The 3 upper points of the star shall have a textured background of sun's rays, and the lower 3 points a textured background of wavy lines representing the ocean. The reverse shall carry the words 'FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE' in the upper half of the star, and the word 'BDF' in the centre of the lowest point of the star. The star shall be suspended from a doubled over ribbon by a trident head affixed to a ring, the trident head being 12mm at its widest point.

The Ribbon. 9. The ribbon shall be purple with 3 vertical gold stripes. Each gold stripe shall be 3mm in width. Two stripes shall be placed each, 3mm from either edge of the ribbon, and the third in the centre of the ribbon.

Meritorious Service Medal

The Medal. 10. The medal shall be a circular medal with a diameter of 35mm and shall have on the obverse, the centre detail of a star of the same design as the star in the Meritorious Service Star, except that the star shall be of a maximum width of 20mm. The star shall be surrounded by a wreath of 'Pride of Barbados' flowers. The reverse shall carry the word 'BDF' centrally at the top of the medal, and the words 'FOR MERITORIOUS SERVICE' in the centre surrounded by a wreath of 'Pride of Barbados' flowers. The medal shall be suspended from a doubled over ribbon by a trident head affixed to a ring, the trident head being 12mm at its widest point.

The Ribbon. 11. The ribbon shall be purple with 2 vertical gold stripes. Each gold stripe shall be 3mm in width and each shall be placed 3mm from either edge of the ribbon.

Efficiency Decoration

The Decoration. 12. The decoration shall comprise a wrist and hand grasping 2 crossed sticks of sugar cane surrounded by an oval wreath of 2 larger sticks of sugar cane joined at the top. The length of the wreath shall be 40mm and the width 35mm at its widest point. The decoration shall be suspended from a doubled over ribbon by a trident head affixed to a ring. The trident head shall be 12mm wide at its widest point. A clasp carrying the word 'BARBADOS' shall be affixed across the top of the ribbon.

13. The ribbon shall be dark green with a central vertical gold stripe 8mm wide.

Efficiency Medal

14. The medal shall be oval and shall be 40mm in length and 32mm in width with, on the obverse, a wrist and hand grasping 2 crossed sticks of sugar cane surrounded by a wreath of 2 larger sticks of sugar cane. The reverse shall carry the words 'FOR EFFICIENT SERVICE', each letter being 4mm in height. The medal shall be suspended from the ribbon by 2 sugar cane leaves attached to an invisible horizontal bar. A scroll with the word 'BARBADOS' shall be placed centrally across the sugar cane leaves immediately below the ribbon.

15. The ribbon shall be dark green with a vertical gold stripe 5mm wide at each edge of the ribbon.

General Service Medal

16. The medal shall be a circular medal with a diameter of 35mm and shall have on the obverse, a 6 pointed star of the same design as the star of the Meritorious Service Star surrounded by a wreath of 'Pride of Barbados' flowers. The star shall be 20mm wide at its widest point. The reverse shall carry the words 'FOR GENERAL SERVICE' in the centre surrounded by a wreath of 'Pride of Barbados' flowers. The medal shall be suspended from the ribbon by a horizontal bar. A clasp with words denoting the occasion of the award shall be affixed across the bottom of the ribbon for the first award and thereafter above the first clasp.

17. A red ribbon with a central, vertical, dark green stripe 8mm wide with a dark blue stripe 1mm wide 3mm from each edge of the ribbon.

Regional Security System Medal

18. The medal shall be a circular medal with a diameter of 35mm and shall have, on the obverse a design as depicted in the crest of the Regional Security System. The reverse shall carry the words 'FOR REGIONAL SECURITY SERVICE' surrounded by a laurel wreath. The medal shall be suspended from the ribbon by a horizontal bar. A clasp with words denoting the occasion of the award shall be affixed across the bottom of the ribbon for the first award and thereafter above the first clasp.

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The Ribbon. 19. The ribbon shall be a central, vertical, grass-green stripe 16mm wide with on either side, a vertical gold stripe each 2mm wide, with 2 vertical light blue stripes each 6mm wide at either edge of the ribbon.

Nutmegs. 20. If the recipient of the medal is entitled, a gold or silver nutmeg approximately 5mm in diameter, shall be affixed to the centre of the ribbon.

Defence Board Commendation

The Ribbon bar. 21. The ribbon bar shall be 32mm long and 12mm wide. The ribbon shall be gold, surrounded by a gold metal border of 2mm width around all edges.

Other Insignia

Second or subsequent award. 22. Except for the Regional Security System Medal the award of a second or subsequent shall be indicated by a black metal trident affixed to the centre of the medal ribbon and on the ribbon bar, or, in the case of the Defence Board Commendation, on the ribbon only. The trident shall not exceed 6mm in length or width. Where more than 1 trident is worn they shall be spaced equidistant across the centre of the ribbon.

SECOND SCHEDULE

(Regulation 17)

*Recommendation for the Barbados Defence Force
Meritorious Service Cross, Star, or Medal*

1. BDF No. 2. Rank 3. Full Name

4. Present Appointment

5. Resume of Service to Date

6. Citation

7. Signature, Rank, Appointment
of officer making initial recommendation

8. Date of Signature

Chief of Staff's Recommendation

Signature:

Date:

Decision of Defence Board

Chairman:

Secretary:

Date:

FOR	Decoration/Medal awarded with date:
BDF	Published in Gazette:
USE	Published in Force Orders:
ONLY	Award Presented:

NOTE: When completed this form is to be forwarded in duplicate to the Defence Board who are to return a copy for detention by the BDF.

Application for Award of Efficiency Decoration and Medal

1. Statement of service of (No., Rank, Name)

Unit Rank	Service with the regular element of the BDF		Service with the Class I reserve of the BDF		Service with the Class II reserve of the BDF		Service with the Reserve on full-time Duty		Reserve Service prior to 15 Aug. 1979		Pioneer Junior Leader or other service		Total qualifying service			
	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To	From	To	Years	Mths.	Days	

I certify that the above is a correct statement of service of and that such service has been proficient as defined in paragraph (5) or (6) of regulation 8 of the Defence (Decorations) Regulations.

(Signed).....

Rank:

Appointment:

2. Recommendations of COS

(Signed)

