

No. 1.

New Zealand, Dominions No. 658.

My LORD,—

Downing Street, 18th November, 1918.

With reference to my despatch, Dominions No. 634, of the 4th October, 1917, I have the honour to transmit to Your Excellency, for the information of your Ministers, copies of an Army Order published on the 14th September amending the conditions governing the award of the Silver War Badge.

I have, &c.,

WALTER H. LONG.

Governor-General His Excellency the Right Hon. the Earl of Liverpool,
P.C., G.C.M.G., G.B.E., M.V.O., &c.

Enclosure.

ARMY ORDER.

War Office, 14th September, 1918.

VI.—*Silver War Badge.*

1. In view of the provisions of the Military Service (No. 2) Act, 1918, His Majesty the King has been pleased to approve of the amendment of the conditions governing the award of the Silver War Badge granted under Army Orders 316 of 1916, 50 and 265 of 1917.

2. Under the amended conditions the badge will, subject in every case to the approval of the Army Council, be issued to the individuals specified below who served with the colours for at least seven days subsequent to the 4th August, 1914 :—

(a.) Disabled men who have served during the present war outside the British Islands, or have served in the field in any previous war.

(b.) Disabled men who, although they have not served as in (a) above, are in possession of Army Form B 2079 endorsed by the recruiting authorities to the effect that they have been found to be totally and permanently unfit for any form of military service; or who have left or been discharged on account of neurasthenia or allied functional nerve-disease certified by a Special Medical Board to be the result of military service in the present war.

(c.) Persons who have left or been discharged from the Military Forces for reasons other than misconduct, and who at the time of the receipt of their application for the award of their badge are over the military age specified in the Military Service Acts at that time in force.

3. The badge will, subject to the approval of the Army Council, also be issued to the under-mentioned persons who have served with the Military Forces subsequent to the 4th August, 1914 :—

(a.) Persons who are in possession of Ministry of National Service Form 2079, or who are over the military age specified in the Military Service Acts for the time being in force, and who—(i) have served with the Royal Army Medical Corps under a fixed agreement for a period of service; or (ii) have with the sanction of the military authorities been employed with the Army overseas and have resigned their military employment on account of disablement or ill health.

(b.) Female nurses and members of Voluntary Aid Detachments and Queen Mary's Army Auxiliary Corps who have been discharged or have relinquished their duties on account of physical disabilities such as would render them permanently unfit for further service in their respective corps.

4. In this order the phrase "disabled men" means men (including officers) who have left or been discharged from the Military Forces in consequence of disablement or ill health caused otherwise than by misconduct.

5. Army Orders 316 of 1916 and 50 and 265 of 1917 are hereby cancelled.

By Command of the Army Council,
R. L. MEADE.

No. 2.

New Zealand, No. 212.

My LORD,—

Downing Street, 18th November, 1918.

With reference to your telegram of the 6th August, on the subject of carrier-pigeons, I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that the Army Council state that 400 birds have now been received from New Zealand.

2. The Council desire that an expression of their best thanks and appreciation may be conveyed to you and to the Homing-pigeon Association for their most generous gift.

I have, &c.,

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