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Sent: 26 March 2014 13:05
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Royal Warrant Holders Annual List

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for the email. Unfortunately the London Gazette does not publish a list of Royal Warrant Holders but I have attached a link below that you might be able to get more information regarding this type subject.

<http://www.royalwarrant.org/rwha-search>

I hope this is of use to you.

Regards
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 March 2014 15:01
To: TSO Gazette - London
Subject: Royal Warrant Holders Annual List

Dear Sir

Could you please inform me as to where I can locate on your web site the Annual List which I believe that you publish?

Many thanks in advance.

Yours faithfully,

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From: TSO Gazettes Customer Service
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Sent: 08 June 2015 16:06
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Finding Royal Warrants - I need help!

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for getting back to us.

Unfortunately I'm not sure we'd be able to assist you further if you've been unable to locate the notices. The London Gazette can be quite limited regarding the depth of information it holds, beyond basic public records.

I'd suggest contacting the constabulary directly, they may be able to shed more light or give you information on why there's nothing in the Gazette you're looking for.

I'm ever so sorry we've been unable to assist you further.

Good luck with your research.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 June 2015 15:13
To: TSO Gazettes Customer Service
Subject: Re: Finding Royal Warrants - I need help!

[REDACTED]

Many thanks for your e-mail and I wondered how I did not find that site in my search - however it turns out that it is for "Warrant Holders", that is people who supply goods to the Royal Family.

What I am looking for is the announcement's published in the London Gazette when a new Medal is instituted or details of its award are altered in some way. I have included an example below.

If you have any other ideas please suggest them - they should be in the London Gazette but none of my searches bring them up.

Kindest Regards,


THE LONDON GAZETTE, 5 SEPTEMBER, 1919.

Whitehall, September 2, 1919.

The KING has been pleased to issue a Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE The FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas We, have taken into Our Royal consideration of the faithful and devoted service rendered by members of the Special Constabulary during the War:

And whereas we are desirous of distinguishing such service by some mark of His Royal Favour, and also of providing a means of recognizing continued and efficient service which might be rendered in the future by members of any Special Constabulary Reserve hereafter constituted:

We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Medal to be awarded for such service as aforesaid.

I. It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled "The Special Constabulary Medal."

II. It is ordained that the Special Constabulary Medal shall consist of a circular Medal of Silver with Our Effigy on the obverse and on the reverse an appropriate design or inscription, and shall bear on the rim the name of the person to whom the Medal is awarded.

III. It is ordained that the Medal shall only be awarded to those of Our faithful subjects who being or having been members of the Special Constabulary during the War or any Special Constabulary Reserve shall satisfy the following conditions, namely:-

(1) Shall have served as a Special Constable without pay during the War for not less than three years, and shall during that period have performed not less than 150 police duties; or

(2) Shall have served in a Special Constabulary Reserve for not less than nine years and shall have (a) taken an approved course of training in Police duty, (b) voluntarily performed such actual police duty as may be required by the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with any general regulations made by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department (c) been annually certified as efficient by the Chief Officer of Police.

Provided that in the case of a man who has served both in the Special Constabulary during the War and in a Special Constabulary Reserve, one year of service during the War (with not less than 50 police duties in such year) shall be reckoned as equivalent to three years' efficient service in the Reserve, and less periods in the same proportion.

IV. It is ordained that the Medal shall be awarded only on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, and that the names of the persons to be so recommended to Us shall be submitted to Our said Secretary of State by the Chief Officer of Police under whom such persons have served.

V. It is ordained that the Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a riband of an inch and three-eighths in width, of which the central part (one-third of the whole) shall be red, while the remaining parts shall each have three longitudinal stripes of equal width, the central stripe being black and the other two white; and further, that in the case of those to whom the Medal is awarded for service during the War a bar or clasp shall be attached to the riband, bearing the words "The Great War, 1914-1918."

VI. It is ordained that if any person to whom this Medal is awarded shall be guilty of any crime or disgraceful conduct which in Our judgement disqualified him for the same, his Medal shall, by an Order of Our Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department, be forfeited and the name of such person shall be erased from the record of those to whom the Medal shall have been awarded. It is hereby further declared that We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall be the sole judges of the circumstances demanding such forfeiture, and that every person whose Medal shall be so forfeited shall on being required so to do by Our said Secretary of State deliver up his Medal to such person as Our said Secretary of State may direct.

VII. Our Principle Secretary of State for the Home Department is hereby authorized to make such regulations as may be necessary for the better carrying out of this Our Warrant.

Given at Our Court at *Balmoral*, this *Thirtieth* day of *August*, One thousand nine hundred and nineteen, in the Tenth year of our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command.

Edward Shortt.

On Wednesday, June 3, 2015 11:22 AM, TSO Gazettes Customer Service
<customer.services@thegazette.co.uk> wrote:

Good Morning

Thank you for your email.

We have located this website.

<https://www.royalwarrant.org/>

Kind Regards

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Sent: 30 May 2015 12:00
To: TSO Gazettes Customer Service; [REDACTED]
Subject: Finding Royal Warrants - I need help!

Hi,

I am in the process of writing 2 books and would like to include the Royal Warrants that established the medals I am writing about.

The first book is about the Special Constabulary Long Service Medal and I think I have found all of the Warrants associated with this medal. I am concerned however that there has been nothing since 1982 - have I got them all?

Number of Changes	Warrant Signed	Published in London Gazette
Medal Established	13 August 1919	5 September 1919
1	31 January 1920	6 February 1920
2	15 August 1929	20 August 1929
3	1 October 1930	10 October 1930

4	23 January 1937	2 February 1937
5	22 June 1940	28 June 1940
6	27 December 1945	1 January 1946
7	15 July 1950	21 July 1950
8	31 December 1952	16 January 1953
9	26 January 1956	3 February 1956
10	15 July 1982	14 July 1982

I also want to include the Warrant for the Royal Ulster Constabulary Service Medal which apparently came out in a Gazette on 27/07/1982 but none of my searches pull this gazette up - even just on date. Clearly I am doing something wrong but I don't know what it is!

I have the same problem when searching for Warrants associated with the Colonial Police Long Service Medal or Colonial Police Meritorious Service Medal (my second book is about these awards to the British South Africa Police - BSAP).

Any tips or help you can offer would be really gratefully received!!

Kind Regards,



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2014 15:32
To: TSO CS Orders
Subject: RE: Royal Warrants SMR 4/2/14 Gave MOD contact details
Attachments: Gazette Royal Warrants.zip

Please see attached

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: TSO CS Orders [<mailto:customer.services@tso.co.uk>]
Sent: 27 January 2014 10:25
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Royal Warrants

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

I apologise that no one has replied to you when you originally sent your enquiry.

Please could you send your attachment in a different format as I am unable to open it.

I will then be able to advise you further.

Kind Regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 25 January 2014 16:20
To: TSO CS Orders
Subject: FW: Royal Warrants

As it is now nearly 12 months since I made this query can you please tell me when I can get a reply.

Regards

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 March 2013 09:57
To: 'customer.services@tso.co.uk'
Subject: Royal Warrants

Please see attached list which you published.

Could you tell me where I can obtain a copy of an original warrant?

Regards

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Dates for the Introduction of Medals as shown by the Royal Warrants Published in the London Gazette.

The aim of this document is to enhance the research efforts of users of the London Gazette website by providing an indication of the commencement of award of some of the main types of military honours.

Please note that the information that follows is the result of research in the online archive. Where warrants have not been located this should not be taken to mean that they were not published, simply that the researcher failed to locate them during the project.

www.london-gazette.co.uk/documents/medals

Key:
NF=Not Found
NK=Not Known
NA=Not Applicable

MEDAL OR DECORATION with post-nominal letters	YEAR CREATED	LG Warrant Date	Warrant copied
Air Efficiency Award (None)	September 1942. Replaced from April 1999 by the Volunteer Reserve Service Medal which is awarded to all ranks.	11 th September 1942	Y
Air Force Cross (AFC)	3 rd June 1918	Supplement, 3 rd June 1918	Y
Air Force Medal (AFM)	3 rd June 1918. After 1993 replaced by the Air Force Cross .	Supplement, 3 rd June 1918	Y
Albert Medal (AM)	1866, revised 1867. There were 2 classes awarded - Gold and Bronze, the Gold Class ceased to be awarded in November 1949 and only Posthumous Bronze awards could be made after that. Awards of Bronze ceased in 1971 and holders were entitled to exchange their medals for the George Cross .	13 th March 1866, 12 th April 1867	Y
Army Emergency Reserve Decoration	November 1952. First awards gazetted October 1953. Abolished in 1967	NF	NF
British Empire Medal (BEM)	December 1922	29 th December 1922 CHECK	
Burma Gallantry Medal	Instituted 1940. First awards gazetted, 26 th March 1942. Last on 28 th November 1947	4 th September 1945	Y



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Cadet Forces Medal (None)	February 1950 (Commissioned Officers)	First entries for COs, November 1950. Adult instructors from April 1971	NF
Conspicuous Gallantry Cross (CGC)	October 1993	First award gazetted 9 th May 1995	
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (CGM)	1855 but suspended in January 1856 after 11 awards had been made	Not applicable	
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (CGM)	1874. Replaced in 1993 by the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross . All awards are gazetted from 1901.	Believed not gazetted	NF
Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying)	1942 Replaced in 1993 by the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross .	15 th January 1943 p331 but not found	
Conspicuous Service Cross (CSC)	June 1901 (renamed Distinguished Service Cross in October 1914)	June 28 th 1901	Y
Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)	1854. Replaced in 1993 by the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross .	Royal Warrant	
Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)	June 1918	Supplement, 3 rd June 1918	Y
Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM)	June 1918. After 1993 replaced by the Distinguished Flying Cross .	Supplement, 3 rd June 1918	Y
Distinguished Service Cross (DSC) formerly Conspicuous Service Cross	June 1901	28 th June 1901. First awards as DSCs, 20 th October 1914.	Y
Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)	October 1914. After 1993 replaced by the Distinguished Service Cross .	NK	
Distinguished Service Order (DSO)	Warrant 9 th November 1886. From 1993 awarded for leadership only. Replaced by the Conspicuous Gallantry Cross for gallantry	Warrant 9 th November 1886	Y
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Edward Medal (EM)	Warrant 18 th October 1907. After 1949 only granted posthumously. In 1971 living recipients were invited to exchange the medal for the George Cross .	18 th October 1907	
Efficiency Decoration (Territorial and TAVR) (TD)	September 1930. Replaced from April 1999 by the Volunteer Reserve Service Medal which is awarded to all ranks.	17 th October 1930	Y
Efficiency Medal (Territorial and TAVR) (None)	November 1946 for officers who had served in the ranks of the TA prior to the outbreak of war. Late issues for this period are still being gazetted. Awards to other ranks are gazetted after September 1997.	17 th October 1930 OK	
Empire Gallantry Medal (EGM)	December 1922. Superseded by the George Cross in September 1940. Last awards gazetted 17 th September 1940 and all living holders were asked to exchange their EGMs for GCs.	29 th December 1922	
George Cross (GC)	September 1940	24 th September 1940	
George Medal (GM)	September 1940	24 th September 1940	
Imperial Service Medal (None)	August 1902	8 th August 1902	
Imperial Service Order	August 1902. No UK awards after 1995.	8 th August 1902	Y
Indian Distinguished Service Medal	June 1907. Obsolete after 1947.	28 th June 1907	Y
King's (later Queen's) Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air (None)	First listed in LG of 1 st January 1942		
King's Police and Fire Services Medal (KPM)	August 1940	6 th September 1940	Y
King's Police Medal (KPM)	July 1909	9 th July 1909	Y
Kings (later Queen's) Commendation for Brave Conduct (None)	First awards 15 th December 1939		



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MEDAL OR DECORATION with post-nominal letters	YEAR CREATED	LG Warrant Date	Warrant copied
Mentions in Despatches (None)	First listed in LG of 9 th May 1843. Sometimes referred to as MID and physically denoted by an oak leaf emblem. Prior to fourth quarter 1916 these were not indexed and were included in the dispatches themselves. After this time they are listings of the names of those commended with where and when – not why.	NA	NA
Military Cross (MC)	Warrant December 1914. First awards, 1 st January 1915		Y
Military Medal (MM)	Warrant 25 th March 1916. First gazetted awards on same date. Replaced by the Military Cross after 1993.	25 th March 1916 repeated in 7 th April 1916	Y
Order of Burma		4 th September 1945	Y
Order of the British Empire	June 1917	24 th August 1917	
Polar Medal (None)	1904	NF	
Queens Commendation for Bravery			
Queens Commendation for Valuable Service			
Queen's Fire Service Medal	May 1954	4 th June 1954	
Queen's Gallantry Medal (QGM)	20 June 1974	Can' find on a computer search any awards before 26/9/74 and no warrant	
Queen's Police Medal (QPM)	Warrant 4 th June 1954	4 th June 1954. First award gazetted 15 th June 1954	Y
Queen's Volunteer Reserves Medal	1999. Replaced medals for outstanding service within the Order of the British Empire		
Regular Army Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (None)	Gazetted from October 1947 for those officers who had previously served in the ranks.	NA	NA



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Royal Red Cross, Members and Associates (RRC and ARRC)	27 th April 1883		
Sea Gallantry Medal	Instituted in the 1805s but no awards were gazetted until 1926		
Territorial Decoration and Territorial Medal <u>see</u> Efficiency Decoration and Efficiency Medal			
Victoria Cross (VC)	January 1856	5 th February 1856	
Volunteer Decoration (VD)	Warrant 29 th July 1892 First awards 15 th Nov 1892	29 th July 1892.	Y
Volunteer Reserve Service Medal (replaced all previous long service decorations and medals issued to the Reserve Forces)	April 1999	NK	

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A Summary of Some of the Other Orders and Awards

The **Royal Victorian Order (RVO)** was established to recognise those who have served the monarch with distinction, each being appointed to one of the five grades and granted the right to use the according prefixes and/or post-nominal letters

- Knight or Dame Grand Cross (prefix: Sir or Dame, post-nominal: GCVO)
- Knight or Dame Commander (prefix: Sir or Dame, post-nominal: KCVO or DCVO)
- Commander (post-nominal: CVO)
- Lieutenant (post-nominal: LVO)
- Member (post-nominal: MVO)

Individuals may also be awarded the Royal Victorian Medal, which entitles them to the post-nominal letters RVM. Further, prior to 1984, the grades of Lieutenant and Member were classified as *Members (fourth class)* and *Members (fifth class)*, respectively, but both with the post-nominals MVO.

The **Most Excellent Order of the British Empire** is a British order of chivalry established on 4 June 1917 by King George V. The Order includes five classes in civil and



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military divisions; in decreasing order of seniority, these are:

- Knight Grand Cross (GBE) or Dame Grand Cross (GBE)
- Knight Commander (KBE) or Dame Commander (DBE)
- Commander (CBE)
- Officer (OBE)
- Member (MBE)

Only the two highest ranks entail admission into knighthood.

The Most Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem is usually known as the Order of St John and recognises services rendered to the charitable works of the Order. In addition to being an order of chivalry but is not a State Order and membership does not confer rank or title. Notices of these awards are published in the London Gazette.

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service

The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service is a UK wide Honour dedicated to recognising voluntary groups from all age groups, backgrounds and abilities who regularly devote their time to helping others in the community. Announced from Buckingham Palace by Her Majesty the Queen on 2 June each year, it is the most prestigious award in its field, the equivalent in status to the MBE and the highest UK Honour specifically rewarding the work of volunteer groups. To date nearly 600 groups have received the award. For more information on how to nominate a group in your community go to: www.queensawardvoluntary.gov.uk

The Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion

The Queen's Award for Enterprise Promotion recognises individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to promoting business enterprise skills and attitudes in other people – for example amongst young people or those in disadvantaged communities or in under-represented groups. These activities could be at a national, regional or local level. For further information go to www.queensawards.org.uk/individual



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Summary of post nominal letters

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Order	Est.	Levels
Order of the Garter	1348	K/LG - - - - -
Order of the Thistle	1687	K/LT - - - - -
Order of the Bath	1725	GCB K/DCB CB - - -
Order of Merit	1902	OM - - - - -
Order of St Michael And St George	1818	GCMG K/DCMG CMG - - -
Royal Victorian Order	1896	GCVO K/DCVO CVO LVO MVO RVM
Order of the British Empire	1917	GBE K/DBE CBE OBE MBE BEM
Order of the Companions of Honour	1917	CH - - - - -
Distinguished Service Order	1886	- - DSO - - -
Imperial Service Order	1902	- - ISO - - ISM

For more information on the present Honours System please see: www.honours.gov.uk

A further source of useful information is the Guide to Using the London Gazette by the Guildhall Library, the March 2010 update can be downloaded from:
<http://217.154.230.218/NR/rdonlyres/A4EAD798-CF0B-4AD0-B58A-C28050A1A126/0/23LondonGazetteKRBMar2010.pdf>