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ELIZABETH R.
ROYAL WARRANT

PAPUA NEW GUINEA INDEPENDENCE MEDAL

ELIZABETH THE SECOND, Queen of Papua New Guinea and Her other Realms and Territories, Head of the Commonwealth:

TO ALL to whom these Present shall come,

GREETING:

WHEREAS there is a need to mark the great constitutional change that will result in the independence of Papua New Guinea:

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that certain selected persons should be honoured in recognition of that important event:

NOW THEREFORE We do, by this Warrant, institute and create a new Medal for Papua New Guinea to be styled the Papua New Guinea Independence Medal:

AND WE DO ordain that the award of the Medal shall be governed by the rules set out in the Schedule.

(L.S.) Given under the National Seal of Papua New Guinea at Our Court at St James's on 6th October, 1976.

By Her Majesty's Command,
M. T. SOMARE,
Prime Minister.

Papua New Guinea Independence Medal—*continued*

SCHEDULE

RULES FOR THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA INDEPENDENCE MEDAL

Description

1. The Medal shall be circular in shape, of cupro-nickel and shall bear on the obverse side Our Royal Effigy Crowned and on the reverse side the Papua New Guinea national emblem with the inscriptions 'Papua New Guinea' in the upper circumference and 'Independence 1975' in the lower circumference.

Eligibility

2. (1) Persons serving on the thirtieth day of November, 1973, in the Defence Force or the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary or the Correctional Service or the Fire Service, and still serving on the sixteenth day of September, 1975, are eligible for the award of the Medal.
- (2) Residents and former residents of Papua New Guinea who have given meritorious public service to Papua New Guinea are eligible for the award of the Medal.
- (3) Other distinguished persons are eligible for the award of the Medal if it is desirable that they be honoured in recognition of the independence of Papua New Guinea.

Awards

3. The award of the Medal shall be made by instrument signed by the Governor-General, acting with and in accordance with, the advice of the Prime Minister.

Registration

4. (1) There shall be a Registrar who shall be appointed by the Governor-General.
- (2) The Registrar shall keep a register in Port Moresby of the names of all those to whom the Medal is awarded.

The Ribbon

5. The Medal shall be worn on the left breast suspended from a ribbon consisting of a red central part bordered on each side by narrow stripes of black, white and gold, in that order, from each edge.

Order of Wearing

6. The Medal shall be worn after all Efficiency and Long Service Decorations and Medals and in front of the Service Medal of the Order of St John.

Cancellation

7. (1) The Governor-General may cancel the award to a person of the Medal, and may restore the Medal an award of which was so cancelled.
- (2) Where an award of the Medal is cancelled, the name of the person to whom it was awarded shall be erased from the register maintained under rule 4, and that person shall return the Medal to the Registrar appointed under that rule.
- (3) Where an award that has been cancelled is restored, the Registrar shall restore the entry in the register maintained by him.

CHRISTOPHER TALIE,
Official Secretary.