

**CANADIAN EFFICIENCY DECORATION
ED**

TERMS

YEARS	20 Years Meritorious Service
SERVICE	Non-Permanent Active Militia RCAF Auxiliary and Reserve until 17 Aug 1942
RANKS	Commissioned Officers
DATES	31 December 1931 for members joining on or before 01 September 1939
BARs	20 Additional Years

DESCRIPTION

An oval oak wreath in silver, tied with gold, enclosing the Royal Cypher and surmounted by a gold crown.

OBVERSE

The obverse features one of the Royal Cyphers, GRV, GRI, or EIIR.

REVERSE

The reverse is plain for engraving names.

MOUNTING

A ring passes through a small hole at the top of the Crown. There is a bar at the top of the ribbon with the word **CANADA** on it.



NAMING

The recipient's rank, name and unit are engraved on the reverse.

RIBBON

The green ribbon is 38-mm wide, with a 7-mm central yellow stripe.

ISSUED

There have been approximately 3,700 awarded to Canadians.

NOTE

War service counted double for this medal. Half of the time spent in the ranks counted towards this medal.

SUPERSEDED BY Canadian Forces Decoration (CD)

**COLONIAL AUXILIARY FORCES OFFICERS' DECORATION
VD**

TERMS

YEARS 20 Years Meritorious Service
SERVICE Non-Permanent Active Militia
RANKS Commissioned Officers
DATES 1901 to 31 December 1931
BARs awarded for 20 additional years

DESCRIPTION (OBVERSE)



The decoration is oval, 32-mm by 36-mm, with the Royal Cypher in the centre in silver gilt, surrounded by a chaste silver band bearing the inscription: **COLONIAL AUXILIARY FORCES**. The oval is surmounted by the Imperial Crown in silver gilt. The Royal Cyphers VRI (Queen Victoria), ERI VII (King Edward VII), and GRI (King George V) appeared on the decorations issued to Canadians.

REVERSE

The reverse is plain for engraving names in the crown area at top.

MOUNTING

A small ring behind the top of the crown attaches to a small ring attached to the bottom of the thin wire suspender. The silver top brooch is decorated with laurel.

NAMING

The recipient's rank, name and unit engraved on the reverse in the crown area.

RIBBON

The dark green ribbon is 38-mm wide.

ISSUED

The number of decorations awarded to Canadians, by reign, was as follows:

Queen Victoria (VRI)	850
King Edward VII (ERI VII)	250
King George V (GRV)	1,660

SUPERSEDED BY Canadian Efficiency Decoration (ED)

CANADIAN EFFICIENCY MEDAL

TERMS

YEARS	12 Years Service (war years count double)
SERVICE	Non-Permanent Active Militia RCAF Auxiliary and Reserve until 17 Aug 1942
RANKS	Warrant Officers, NCOs and men
DATES	31 December 1931 for members joining on or before 01 September 1939
BARs	A silver bar, with a crown etched in the centre was awarded for every 6 additional years.

DESCRIPTION

A silver oval medal, 38-mm by 32-mm.



OBVERSE

King George V: A crowned effigy in robes, facing left, and the legend:

GEORGIVS.V.D.G.BRITT.OMN REX.ET.INDIAE.IMP.

King George VI: A crowned effigy, facing left, and one of the legends:

- (a) GEORGIVS VI D:G:BR:OMN:REX ET INDIAE IMP: (1937 - 1948)
- (b) GEORGIVS VI DEI GRA:BRITT:OMN:REX FID:DEF: (1948 - 1952)

Queen Elizabeth II: A crowned effigy, facing right, and the legend:

ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA FID.DEF.

REVERSE

The reverse has the inscription: **FOR / EFFICIENT / SERVICE** in three lines.

MOUNTING

A scroll with the word **CANADA** on it is superimposed on a horizontal bar attached to two large laurel leaves. The leaves are attached to the medal by a single-toe claw with double scroll claw supports on the rim.

NAMING

The rank, name, and service of the recipient appear on the rim.

RIBBON

The green ribbon is 32-mm wide, with 3-mm yellow edge stripes.

ISSUED

The number of medals awarded to Canadians by reign, was as follows:

- 1,600 King George V
- 10,600 King George VI
- 475 Queen Elizabeth II 475
- 3,200 first bars
- 845 second bars
- 140 third bars
- 18 fourth bars
- 3 fifth bars.

SUPERSEDED BY Canadian Forces Decoration (CD)

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¹ Colonel F.S. McPherson, MC, MM, VD, Royal Canadian Corps of Signals showing Colonial Auxiliary Officer's Decoration and Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal with bar
RSM R.N.C. Diplock, MBE showing Efficiency Medal with two bars – both medal groups at the RCASC Museum in Kingston, Ontario

COLONIAL AUXILIARY FORCES LONG SERVICE MEDAL

TERMS

YEARS	20 Years Service (war years count double)
SERVICE	Non-Permanent Active Militia RNCVR and RCAF Auxiliary were included
RANKS	Warrant Officers, NCOs and men
DATES	04 February 1901 to 23 September 1931
BARS	There was no bar to the medal.

DESCRIPTION

A circular, silver medal, 36-mm diameter in diameter.



OBVERSE

Queen Victoria:

A diademed and veiled effigy, facing left;

King Edward VII: The king is seen in Field Marshal's uniform, facing left, and the legend: EDWARDVS VII REX IMPERATOR

King George V: The king is seen in Field Marshal's uniform, facing left and the legend: GEORGIVS V BRITT:OMN:REX ET IND:IMP:

REVERSE

The reverse shows an ornamental shield bearing the legend: **FOR / LONG SERVICE / IN THE / COLONIAL AUXILIARY / FORCES** in five lines.

Above the shield is the Imperial Crown with a spray of oak leaves to the left and a spray of laurel on the right.

MOUNTING

A plain, straight suspender with a single-toe claw, with double scroll claw supports on the rim, attaches to a straight, non-swivelling suspender.

NAMING

The recipient's rank, name, number and regiment are engraved around the edge.

RIBBON

The dark green ribbon is 32-mm wide.

ISSUED

The number of medals awarded to Canadians by reign, was as follows:

- 1,350 Queen Victoria
- 750 King Edward VII
- 4,300 King George V

There are probably more that are not on the official rolls.

EXAMPLE

MONTGOMERY, C.S.M. W.W. MONTGOMERY Q.O.R.of C.

SUPERSEDED BY

Canadian Efficiency Medal

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² Regimental Sergeant Major F.C. Gledhill, DCM, 48th Highlanders with Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal King George V
- in the 48th Highlanders Museum in Toronto, Ontario