

## WORLD WAR TWO MEDALS

### NEWFOUNDLAND VOLUNTEER WAR SERVICE MEDAL

#### TERMS

The government of the province of Newfoundland shall award a medal to every person:

(a) who volunteered and served in units or organizations raised or maintained as the contribution of the Dominion of Newfoundland to the allied war effort, namely, the British Imperial Forces (RN, RAF, British Army and units of them), the Newfoundland Overseas Forestry Unit, the merchant navy and the Newfoundland Regiment, or, a unit or organization prescribed by the Lieutenant-Governor in Council; **and**  
b) who is ineligible for or has not received a volunteer war service medal from another country.

An advisory board set up under the Act creating the medal may recommend other units to those set out in (a) above.

Where a person who would be eligible to receive a medal under this Act was killed during the Second World War or has died since the end of that war, a medal may be awarded to a relative of the veteran as prescribed by the regulations in the following order:

- a) surviving spouse;
- b) eldest surviving child;
- c) eldest surviving parent; and
- d) eldest surviving brother or sister.

#### DESCRIPTION

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

#### OBVERSE

The Crown of King George VI surmounted by a Newfoundland stag caribou, baying, is centred over the Royal Cypher "G.R.VI". The entire motif is surrounded on the outside rim by the words "Newfoundland Volunteer Service Medal 1939-1945".

#### REVERSE

The central figure of Britannia representing the mother country of the Commonwealth is shown being stalked by beasts of prey represented as 2 male lions symbolic of the threat of the enemy. Britannia is protected by a stylized scallop shell suggesting Newfoundland's heritage and contribution to the final victory.



## **MOUNTING**

A single claw with single-curl mounts.

## **RIBBON**

The 36-mm wide ribbon consists of a broad maroon centre stripe (26-mm) with edges of red (1.5-mm), white (2-mm) and blue (1.5-mm); the red being on the outside.

## **DATE**

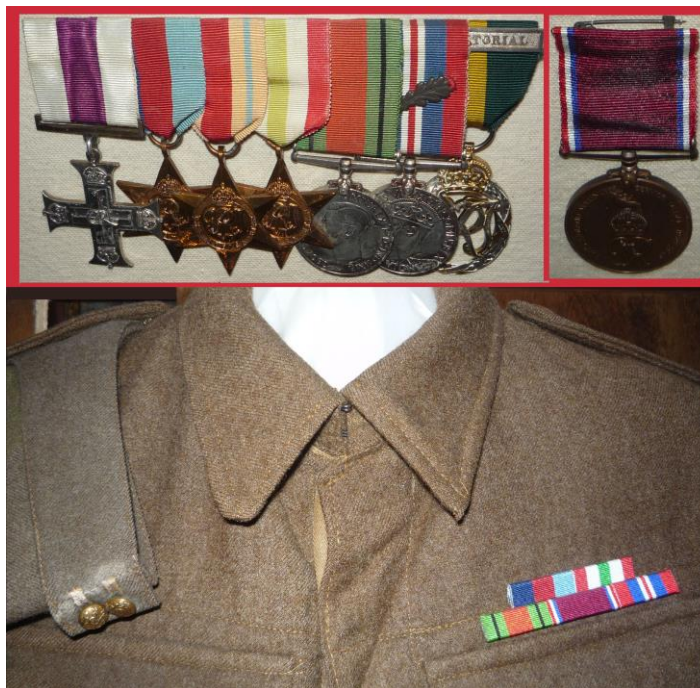
Under the Statutes of Newfoundland 1993, Chapter V-7.1, "An act respecting the Newfoundland Volunteer Service Medal" was assented to on 17 December 1993.

## **ISSUED**

Last information was that to May 2006 there were **4,531** medals distributed.

**NOTE:** The medal is part of the Canadian Honours system. It follows the Defence Medal and is before 1939/45 War Medal in the same position the CVSM would occupy in the order of precedence. Since you cannot receive another volunteer war service medal and receive this medal, the CVSM and Newfoundland Volunteer Service Medal are equal in stature.

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<sup>1</sup> Medals of Lieutenant-Colonel R.W. Hitchcock, Royal Auxiliary (RA), Commanding Officer of the 166th (Newfoundland) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, 1944 to 1945. A pre-war Territorial (UK Army Reserve) officer, Colonel Hitchcock has the Territorial Efficiency Medal (at right) as well as campaign & serve decorations and the Military Cross for gallantry in action. He was awarded the Newfoundland Volunteer Service Medal after 17 December 1993 and it wasn't mounted into his group. Medals and Battle Dress are in the museum in St. John's, Newfoundland and Labrador. (Received E.D. on 31 January 1946)

Bottom is a battle dress uniform with the 1939/45 Star – Italy Star – Defence medal – Newfoundland Volunteer Service Medal and 1939/45 War Medal displayed