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CANADIAN MEDAL FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT (MILITARY)

TERMS

YEARS	18 years service
SERVICE	Permanent Force Army / permanent RCAF (until August 1944)
RANKS	WOs, NCOs and men
DATES	introduced on by Royal Warrant, 23 September 1930, and authorized in Canada in 1932; issued to those who joined prior to 1 September 1939
BARS	18 additional years service (authorized 26 August 1944)

DESCRIPTION



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

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 with two legends:

1937 - 1948: GEORGIVS VI D:G:BR:OMN:REX ET INDIAE IMP:

1948 - 1952: GEORGIVS VI DEI GRA:BRITT:OMN:REX FID:DEF:

Queen Elizabeth II: A crowned effigy, facing right, and the legend: ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA

REVERSE

The reverse shows the inscription:

FOR
LONG SERVICE
AND GOOD
CONDUCT

in four lines (large letters).

MOUNTING

A solid bar with the word **CANADA** on it is welded to the top of scroll arms, which, in turn, are attached to the medal by a single-toe claw.

NAMING

The recipient's rank, initials and surname are engraved around the edge.

RIBBON

The crimson ribbon is 32-mm wide, with 4-mm wide white edges.

ISSUED

By reign, the number of medals awarded are:

- 700 King George V
- 1,250 King George VI
- 250 Queen Elizabeth II
- 32 first bars (1944-49)
- 2 second bars

EXAMPLES

George V Medal	TEASDALE, S.M. (W.O.CL.1) J.E.	R.C.E.
George VI Medal	JONES, Pte D.J.	R.C.A.S.C.
EIIR Medal	PRICE, B/Sgt.	R.C.A.

SUPERSEDED BY

Canadian Forces Decoration (CD)

NOTE

Officers with 12 years in the ranks could be awarded this medal. Permanent Force Officers did not receive Long Service Medals or Decorations until the Canadian Forces Decoration came into being.

Sequence of Award of Permanent Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medals to Canadian Regular (or Permanent) Force Warrant Officers, NCOs, and men:

Long Service and Good Conduct (Army) Medal (1902 to 1909)
superseded by
Colonial Permanent Forces Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (1909 to 1932)
superseded by
Canadian Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military) Medal (1932 to 1951,
but only for those enrolled before 1 September 1939)
superseded by
Canadian Forces Decoration (CD) (introduced in 1951 for those enrolled after 1
September 1939 and opened to officers)



¹ Lieutenant G.A. Carr, MM, PPCLI – PPCLI Museum with King George V Canadian Medal for Long Service & Good Conduct – PPCLI Museum
WO1 E.N. Sullings, OBE, MM, CD with RCR MBE MM WO1 EN Sullings with Canadian Medal for Long Service & Good Conduct King George V - RCR Museum

COLONIAL PERMANENT FORCES LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

TERMS

YEARS 18 years service
SERVICE Permanent Forces Army & Air Force / Navy until 1925
RANKS NCOs and Men
DATES 1909 to 1932
BARS There was **no** bar to the medal.

DESCRIPTION



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

OBVERSE

King George V is shown in Field Marshal's uniform, facing left, and the legend:

GEORGIUS.V. BRIT.OMN REX ET IMP:

REVERSE

The reverse bears the inscription: **FOR / LONG SERVICE / AND GOOD / CONDUCT** in four lines and around the perimeter the words: **PERMANENT FORCES OF THE EMPIRE BEYOND THE SEAS.**

MOUNTING

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

NAMING

The medal is engraved around the edge with number, rank, name and regiment.

RIBBON

1909 to 1916: The crimson ribbon was 32-mm wide, with a narrow central white stripe.

1916 to 1932: The crimson ribbon was 32-mm wide; with a dark blue centre stripe (3-mm wide) and narrow white stripe on each side of the centre (2-mm wide).

ISSUED

There were 839 awarded to the Canadian Army and 1 to the RCAF.

EXAMPLE

NORRIS, CONDR. (W.O.CL.1) W.J. R.C.O.C.

SUPERSEDED BY Canadian Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct (Military)

LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT (ARMY) MEDAL

TERMS

YEARS	18 years service
SERVICE	Permanent Forces of Canada
RANKS	Warrant Officers, NCOs and men
DATES	1902 to 1909
BARS	There was no bar to the medal.

DESCRIPTION

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

OBVERSE

The obverse shows King Edward VII in Field Marshal's uniform, facing left, and the legend:

EDWARDVS VII REX IMPERATOR



REVERSE

The inscription: **FOR / LONG SERVICE / AND / GOOD CONDUCT** appears on the reverse in four lines with the word **CANADA** above.

MOUNTING

An ornate scroll suspender is attached to the medal with a single-toe claw.

NAMING

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

RIBBON

The crimson ribbon was 32-mm wide.

After 1917, the ribbon had a white central stripe but this was not used in Canada as in 1909 the Colonial Permanent Forces Long Service & Good Conduct Medal replaced this medal.

ISSUED

There were 150 awarded to the Canadian Permanent Army.

SUPERSEDED BY

Colonial Permanent Forces Long Service and Good Conduct Medal

ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

TERMS

YEARS 15 Years Service
SERVICE Royal Canadian Navy
RANKS CPO, Petty Officers and men
DATES 19 June 1925 to 01 September 1954 for those enrolled on or before 01 September 1939
BARS 15 Years additional service (silver, laurelled)



DESCRIPTION

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

OBVERSE

King George V:



(a) An effigy in Admiral's uniform, facing left, and the legend:
 GEORGIVS V BRITT:OMN:REX ET IMP:

(b) An effigy, robed, facing left, and the legend:
 GEORGIVS V BRITT:OMN:REX ET IMP:

(c) The coinage effigy, facing left, and the legend:
 GEORGIVS.V.D.G.BRITT.OMN REX.ET.INDIAE.IMP.



King George VI: An uncrowned effigy, facing left, and 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) An uncrowned effigy, facing right, and the legend:
 ELIZABETH II DEI GRA:OMN:REGINA.F:D:+

(b) An uncrowned effigy, facing right, and the legend:
 ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA

REVERSE

The reverse features a starboard, broadside view of a sailing ship of the line at anchor, surrounded by a rope tied in a reef knot below. The legend around the edge reads:

FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT.

MOUNTING

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

NAMING

Engraved around the edge with the recipient's rank, name, number and RCN. (RN medals had ships name engraved.)



RIBBON

The dark blue ribbon is 32-mm wide, with white edge stripes 7-mm wide.

ISSUED

There were 864 medals and 3 bars awarded to Canadians:

63	King George V	Admiral's Bust
3	King George V	Robed Bust
49	King George V	Coinage Bust
315	King George VI	Pre-1948
190	King George VI	Post-1948
124	Queen Elizabeth II	Early Legend
120	Queen Elizabeth II	Late Legend

SUPERSEDED BY Canadian Forces Decoration (CD)

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² Chief Petty Officer Douglas Abbott, DSM & bar, RCN LS&GC GV 3rd Type
Chief Petty Officer McKinly, RN LS&GC GVI with bar

ROYAL CANADIAN AIR FORCE LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL

TERMS

YEARS	18 Years of Service
SERVICE	Royal Canadian Air Force (Permanent Members)
RANKS	Warrant Officers, NCOs, and airmen
DATES	01 August 1944 to 01 September 1957 for members enrolled on or before 01 September 1939
BARS	18 Years Additional Service (none awarded)

DESCRIPTION

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

OBVERSE

King George VI: An uncrowned coinage head, facing left and the legends:

- (a) GEORGIVS VI D:G:BR:OMN:REX ET INDIAE IMP: (1944 to 1948)
- (b) GEORGIVS VI DEI GRA:BRITT:OMN:REX FID:DEF: (1948 to 1952)

Queen Elizabeth II: An uncrowned coinage effigy, facing right with the legends:

- (a) ELIZABETH II DEI GRA:OMN:REGINA.F:D:+
- (b) ELIZABETH II DEI GRATIA REGINA

REVERSE



The reverse displays an eagle in flight surmounted by the Imperial Crown, and the legend around the edge: **FOR LONG SERVICE AND GOOD CONDUCT.**

MOUNTING

An ornate scroll suspender is attached to the medal with a single-toe claw.

NAMING

The recipient's rank, name, RCAF are engraved around the rim.

RIBBON

The bi-coloured ribbon is 32-mm (left half dark blue, right half crimson) with narrow white edges.

ISSUED

There were **487** awarded to Canadians (mainly King George VI first type).

NOTE

The original RCAF Order announcing the medal stated that it would have a bar with CANADA on it similar to the Canadian Medal for Long Service and Good Conduct for the Army but no such medal was ever struck and the Royal Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct medal was issued to Canadians as described here.

SUPERSEDED BY

Canadian Forces Decoration (CD)

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³ Medal sets at the Air Museum of Canada at Trenton with the RCAF Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.
Warrant Officer 1st Class James Buckland, RCAF
Warrant Officer 1st Class Percy Fletcher, RCAF
Warrant Officer 1st Class Edwin B. Turland, RCAF