

## ABYSSINIAN WAR MEDAL

18 January 2016

### TERMS

Awarded for service between 04 October 1867 and 19 April 1868 to personnel who participated in the 1868 Expedition to Abyssinia.

### OBVERSE

The diademed head of Queen Victoria is in the centre of the obverse. Two circles surround the medal with nine ornate triangles between the two circles and the word ABYSSINIA spelled out between the triangles.

### REVERSE

Central shield left blank for the recipient's name to be engraved surrounded by a laurel wreath.



### RIBBON

A crimson ribbon 30-mm wide with narrow white edges.

### MOUNTING

This is an unusual British Medal with regard to the mounting. A simple double claw attaches to the top of the medal with a ball on it. A crown is attached to the top of the claw's ball and the top of the crown is attached to a large ring through which the ribbon passes.

### ISSUED

Lieutenant Alexander Robert DUNN, VC, a Canadian, received this medal.



## ASHANTEE MEDAL

### TERMS



Awarded to British, Colonial and Allied Native Forces deployed against the arm of the Ashanti King Koffee Kalkalli during the 3rd Anglo-Ashanti War which lasted from 1873 to 1874 and was lead by General Garnet Wolseley (later 1st Viscount Wolsely, KP, GCB, OM, GCMG, VD, PC) who served in Canada during the Riel Rebellion.

### OBVERSE

The veiled and diademed head of Queen Victoria with the inscription around the edge VICTORIA REGINA.

### REVERSE

A bush fighting scene between British and Ashanti inspired by the campaign.

### CLASP

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### RIBBON

A 30-mm wide yellow ribbon with black edges and two narrow black central stripes.

### ISSUED

Colonel Charles Walker Robinson, CB, the son of Sir John Beverley Robinson, Bart, Chief Justice of Upper Canada, was born in Toronto on 03 April 1836. He received this medal plus the medal and clasp for Indian Mutiny, the medal and clasp for Zulu War and was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB).

**SOUTH AFRICA MEDAL (1877-1879)**  
**Zulu War Medal (1879)**

**TERMS**

The medal was instituted in 1879 to be awarded to members of the British Army and Royal Naval Brigade involved in a series of South African tribal wars between 1877 to 1879, but most notably for the Anglo-Zulu War

**OBVERSE**

The Young Head portrait of Queen Victoria wearing a coronet with the words around the edge VICTORIA (left side) and REGINA (right side).

**REVERSE**

A lion, half-crouching watchfully, behind a protea bush, with the date 1853 in exergue.

**CLASP**

A clasp bearing the date or dates of the year or years in which the recipient actually served. ZULU WAR CLASP - 1879

**RIBBON**

A 32-mm wide golden yellow ribbon with dark blue stripes (5-mm wide) set 3-mm from each edge and thin dark blue stripes (1-mm) set 3-mm from these blue stripes.

**DATES**

In 1854, Queen Victoria had approved a South Africa Medal to members of the British Army who had served in the campaigns of 1835-1836, 1846-1847 or 1850- 1853 on the Eastern Frontier of the Cape Province. In 1880, it was decided that this medal, dated 1853 as noted in the description of the reverse, should be awarded to British military personnel who served between September 1877 and December 1879 including the Anglo-Zulu war.

**ISSUED**

Colonel Charles Walker Robinson, CB, the son of Sir John Beverley Robinson, Bart, Chief Justice of Upper Canada, was born in Toronto on 03 April 1836. He received this medal and the Medal and clasp for Indian Mutiny, the Medal and clasp for Ashantee War and was made a Companion of the Order of the Bath (CB).



## INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1909 - 1935

### TERMS



The medal was issued for specific engagements, while serving with the British and Indian armies in India between 1909 and 1935. The Royal Air Force was included for award of this medal in 1925.

### DESCRIPTION

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

### OBVERSE

- a) The crowned effigy of King George V in coronation robes facing left with two circles around the edge and inside the circles the words: GEORGIVS KISAR-I-HIND (the I-HIND is on the left side)
- b) There was also an uncrowned King Edward VII in coronation robes facing left with the words: EDWARDVS VII KISAR-I-HIND.
- c) There was a King George V in coronation robes facing left with two circles around the edge and inside the circles the words: GEORGIVS. V. D. G. BRITT. OMN. REX. ET. INDIAE. IMP.

### REVERSE

The Fort at Jamrud with mountains in the background, below is a tied branch of oak and laurel with the word INDIA above.

### RIBBON

The green ribbon is 32-mm wide and has a wide dark blue centre stripe.

### BARS

There were 12 bars. Baker's medal had the bar Waziristan 1925.

### ISSUED

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<sup>1</sup> Flight Lieutenant John Baker received this medal and also received the DFC at the time - later Air Marshal Sir John Walkeling Baker, GBE, KCB, MC, DFC.



## INDIA GENERAL SERVICE MEDAL 1935-1939

### TERMS

The medal was issued for specific engagements, while serving with the British and Indian armies in India. This medal replaced the IGSM 1909-1936 (GV Medal).

### DESCRIPTION

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

### OBVERSE

The crowned effigy of King George VI facing left with the legend:  
GEORGIUS VI G:BR:OMN:REX ET INDIAE IMP:

### REVERSE

A tiger, with raised right front paw.

### RIBBON

The green ribbon is 32-mm wide, and has a grey/sand-coloured centre, 16-mm wide, flanked by two thin red stripes.

### BARS

There were 2 bars: NORTH WEST FRONTIER 1936-1937  
NORTH WEST FRONTIER 1937-1939.

### ISSUED

One medal is known to have been issued to a Canadian:  
Lieutenant (Later Brigadier) Dollard Menard, DSO, GOQ, CD  
Lieutenant Menard served with the Indian Army after graduating from Royal Military College, Kingston. He received the medal with bar NORTHWEST FRONTIER 1937-1939.

### DISCONTINUED

This medal was discontinued after 1939.

