

Replacement medals and medals certificates

Replacement medals

Replacement medals are not issued. It is the long standing policy that replacement medals were issued on a once only basis to the veteran to whom the medal had originally been awarded. This policy was adopted in the interests of preserving the intrinsic value of the medals and to strictly limit the number of medals issued in any particular case. As there are no surviving veterans at this stage it is not intended that any further replacement medals will be issued.

Medal certificates

In May 2006 the Minister for Defence decided to introduce official certificates for issue in cases where medals are lost, destroyed or stolen and no replacement medal can be issued. The Minister's decision was mainly in response to the feelings of family members of Veterans whose requests for replacement medals were refused and who would like some visible expression of their ancestors' service and contribution. On receipt of a completed application form and the appropriate verification, official signed certificates (in Irish or English) can be issued confirming that the relevant medal had been awarded to the named veteran. Certificates are issued on a once off basis to the nearest next of kin.

Application forms for medal certificates are available from
Pensions Administration, Department of Defence, Áras an tSáile, Renmore, Galway,
e-mail: pensionsadmin@defence.ie, telephone: 091-743899.

