

APPENDIX L

DECORATIONS AND MEDALS, COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD

1. *Service Medals Awarded Prior to Act of April 14, 1931:*

a. *Active Service Medal, 1893-1896:*

(1) *Description:* A bronze eight pointed star, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. The obverse shows an eagle with wings partly displayed, within a circle, and surrounded by the inscription "National Guard State of Colorado—Active Service" within an outer circle. The reverse is left blank for engraving recipient's name and notation of campaign or campaigns for which awarded. The medal is suspended by a silk ribbon $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length, and $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in width, blue (infantry), yellow (cavalry), or red (artillery), depending upon arm of the service to which issued. The ribbon in turn is suspended from a concealed bronze bar with pin for attaching medal to uniform. This medal is illustrated on page 488 (Service Medals and Marksmanship Badges, State of Colorado), designs 1a and 1b. The ribbons and suspension bars on the medals illustrated are substitutions for the original blue and yellow ribbons and concealed suspension bars.

(2) *Conditions of Award:* This medal was authorized by resolution of the State Military Board early in 1897, and was awarded for service in the City Hall Riots, Denver, 1894; Cripple Creek, 1894; Bull Hill, 1894; Leadville, 1896; and Cripple Creek, 1896.

b. *Spanish-American War Medal, 1898-1899:*

(1) *Description:* A medal of bronze, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. On the obverse (see design 2-a on plate) is an eagle standing on a scroll which is inscribed, "Spanish-American War"; behind and above the eagle is an allegorical group of three representing the three phases of service. On the medal's right is shown a group of soldiers marching, with a female figure above holding forth a hand in farewell—the departure; in the center a male figure holding aloft the torch of war—battle service; and on the medal's left a group of marching soldiers with a female figure above holding forth the victor's laurel wreath—the return. Above all, in a semi-circle around the upper rim appears the inscription: "Dulce Et Decorum Est Pro Patria Mori"; around the lower portion of the rim appears the word "Colorado". The reverse shows the coat of arms from the great seal of Colorado, and in addition around the upper rim of the words, "Awarded to" and around the lower rim the words, "With Certificate." A blank scroll is superimposed on the coat of arms for the purpose of engraving the owner's name thereon. The medal is suspended from a bronze bar consisting of two sprays of laurel, and this in turn is suspended from a silk ribbon $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide of alternate red, white, and blue stripes (each $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide). The ribbon is suspended from a bronze bar $1\frac{3}{4}$ inches wide, and which is stamped with a design of three cannons, a laurel spray, and the dates "1898" and "1899."

(2) *Conditions of Award:* The initial steps for procurement of this medal were instituted by a committee composed of Governor Charles S. Thomas, Mr. S. K. Hooper and Doctor C. J. Hartung during July, 1899, and funds to defray the cost were raised by popular subscription throughout the state. The medal was awarded, with a certificate, to every officer and enlisted

man who served during the Spanish-American War or Philippine Insurrection in a United States volunteer organization that was credited to the State of Colorado.¹

c. Active Service Badge, 1903-1904 (The Peabody Medal):

(1) *Description:* A medal of bronze, $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in diameter. On the obverse is the head of Governor Peabody, facing partly to the right, and surrounded by the inscription, "James H. Peabody, Governor of Colorado, 1903-1904." On the reverse is shown a pillar surmounted by an eagle; at the base of the pillar, and superimposed thereon, is the coat of arms from the great seal of Colorado, and supporting the pillar on either side is a soldier and miner. Below the coat of arms appears the inscription, "Law and Order." The medal is suspended from a silk ribbon $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in length and $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width with alternate stripes of red, white and blue, each stripe being $\frac{1}{2}$ inch wide. The ribbon is suspended from a bronze bar $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches wide bearing the inscription "Colorado City—Cripple Creek—Telluride—Trinidad, 1903-1904."

(2) *Conditions of Award:* This medal was authorized under the provisions of paragraph 4, Circular No. 4, Adjutant General's Office, Denver, Colorado, dated March 21, 1907, and was awarded to "all officers and enlisted men who served as officers or enlisted men of the National Guard of Colorado in any of the following named active service campaigns:

- "Colorado City, March 3, 1903, to March 20, 1903.
- "Cripple Creek, September 4, 1903, to April 11, 1904.
- "Cripple Creek, June 7, 1904, to July 27, 1904.
- "Telluride, November 20, 1903, to March 11, 1904.
- "Telluride, March 23, 1904, to June 15, 1904.
- "Trinidad, March 22, 1904, to June 12, 1904."

d. Mexican Border Service Medal:

(1) *Description:* A medal of bronze $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. On the obverse is the coat of arms of the State of Colorado, contained within a circle which is inscribed, "State of Colorado—1876." Surmounting the circle is an eagle with spread wings and the shield of the United States superimposed on its breast. Springing from either side of the circle are two laurel wreaths. The reverse shows a circle composed of two laurel wreaths, and within this circle the inscription, "Presented by the State of Colorado." Surrounding the laurel wreaths and around the rim appears the inscription, "National Guard of Colorado—1917." The medal is suspended from a silk ribbon 1 inch in length and $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in width; the color of the ribbon corresponded to the color of the facings of the unit concerned, i. e., blue for infantry, red for artillery, etc. The ribbon is suspended from a bronze bar $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches in width and inscribed, "Mexican Border Service, 1916-1917."

(2) *Conditions of Award:* This medal was authorized by General Orders No. 11, Adjutant General's Office, Denver, Colorado, dated February 10, 1917, and was awarded to all members of the Colorado National Guard that answered the call of the President in June, 1916, and who actually served on the Mexican Border patrol in 1916 and 1917.

2. *Service Medals and Decorations Awarded under the Act of April 14, 1931:* Extracts from General Orders No. 18, Adjutant General's Office, November 16, 1931.

¹ The First Colorado Volunteers, Vol. VII (Newspaper clippings, R. A. Williams, volume in State Historical Society Library, Denver, Colo.)



1.a Active Service
Medal 1893-96



1.b Active Service
Medal 1896-



2.a Spanish-American
War Medal, 1898-99
Obverse



2.b Spanish-American
War Medal, 1898-99
Reverse



3.a Peabody Medal
1903 - 04.
Obverse



3.b Peabody Medal
1903 - 04.
Reverse



4.a Mexican Border
Medal 1916-17.
Obverse



4. b Mexican Border
Medal 1916-17.
Reverse



5. Marksmans Badge
1904



6. Marksmanship Badge
1910



7. The Governors Medal
1909



8. Adjutant Generals
Medal 1912.



9. The Enlisted Mens
Team Trophy Medal
1921

2. In compliance with the provisions of Section 5 of an Act to further increase the efficiency of the National Guard of Colorado by the provision of awards for long service and good conduct, for meritorious conduct and service, and for active service enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado and approved April 14, 1931, the following regulations for the design and conditions of award of these decorations and medals are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

3.-a. *The Active Service Medal:*

(1) *Description:* A medal of bronze, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. On the obverse is the coat of arms of the State of Colorado, contained within a circle $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch in diameter in the lower half of the medal on which is inscribed, "State of Colorado.....1876." Surmounting the circle is an eagle with spread wings and the shield of the United States superimposed on its breast. Springing from either side of the circle are two laurel wreaths. On the reverse are the words, "Colorado National Guard" arranged around the upper half of the rim, with crossed laurel wreaths around the lower half; in the center, the words, "For Active Service." The medal is suspended by a silk ribbon, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length and $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in width, composed of a stripe of yellow ($\frac{1}{8}$ inch), a stripe of white ($\frac{1}{8}$ inch), a band of blue ($\frac{1}{2}$ inch), a stripe of white ($\frac{1}{8}$ inch), a stripe of yellow ($\frac{1}{8}$ inch), with a border of red ($\frac{3}{16}$ inch) on each edge. A bronze clasp, $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches long and $\frac{3}{16}$ inches wide, to denote the particular campaign or period of service for which the medal is awarded, will be placed on the ribbon below the concealed suspension pin. One clasp will be awarded for each separate campaign or period of active service. A bronze five-pointed star, $\frac{3}{16}$ inches in diameter, will be worn on the service ribbon in lieu of the clasp when the medal is not worn.

(2) *Conditions of Award:* (a). This medal will be awarded to any person who is serving with, or has served with, the Colorado National Guard, in any campaign or period of *active duty in the field* under call of the President of the United States or of the Governor of Colorado, *and for which no campaign medal has previously been awarded by the Government of the United States or the State of Colorado.* Provided, that the period of active service must have exceeded seven days in duration, or, in the event of a lesser number of days, there were killed or wounded on the side of the troops of the Colorado National Guard engaged.

(b). The campaigns or periods of active field duty for which this medal may at present be awarded are as follows:

<i>Campaign</i>	<i>Inscription on Clasp</i>
Ute Campaign, 1879	Utes, 1879
Ute Campaign, 1887	Utes, 1887
Leadville Strike, 1880	1880
Coal Mine Strike and Insurrection in Colorado coal fields, 1913-14	1913-14
Active duty <i>in the field</i> in any organization of the Colorado National Guard <i>not in Federal service</i> during the period of the World War, April 6, 1917, to June 10, 1919	1917-19
Strike in Southern Colorado coal fields, October-November, 1919	1919
Flood at Pueblo, June, 1921	1921



MEDALS AND DECORATIONS, COLORADO NATIONAL GUARD, AUTHORIZED BY AN ACT OF THE COLORADO LEGISLATURE
AND APPROVED APRIL 14, 1931.

1. Active Service Medal.

2. Meritorious Conduct Medal.

3. Meritorious Service Medal.

4. Long Service Medal.

Strike and Riots at Frederick, Colorado, July, 1922	1922
Strike and Riots at the Columbine Mine and vicinity, November, 1927	1927

(c). Subsequent awards of the Active Service Medal will be as directed in orders from this office.

b. The Meritorious Conduct Medal.

(1) *Description:* A cross of bronze, $1\frac{7}{8}$ inches in height and $1\frac{5}{8}$ inches in width, with an eagle surmounting a shield on the centre. Above the eagle a scroll bearing the words, "Colorado National Guard," and to either side of the shield and below the eagle another scroll inscribed, "For Valor". The shield is decorated with the fasces crest of the Colorado National Guard. On the reverse, in the centre of the cross is a circle and scroll with the inscription, "Awarded to..... for Meritorious Conduct." The scroll is left blank for the name of the recipient to be engraved thereon. The cross is suspended by a ring from a silk ribbon $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length and $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in width, composed of a band of blue ($\frac{1}{4}$ inch) on each side, two stripes of white ($\frac{1}{8}$ inch) separated by a band of red ($\frac{5}{8}$ inch) through the centre.

(2) *Conditions of Award:* The Meritorious Conduct Medal will be awarded to all officers and enlisted men of the Colorado National Guard who, when on an active duty status *not in Federal service*, distinguished themselves by extraordinary heroism or endangered their lives in saving the lives of others. One medal only will be awarded to an individual; for a subsequent act that would entitle the same individual to another medal, a silver, five-pointed star, $\frac{3}{16}$ inches in diameter, will be awarded to be worn on the ribbon of the Meritorious Conduct Medal and on the service ribbon of this medal.

c. The Meritorious Service Medal.

(1) *Description:* A medal of bronze, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. On the obverse is the fasces crest and wreath of the Colorado National Guard contained within a circle. Around the rim is the inscription, "Colorado National Guard—for the Meritorious Conduct Medal for subsequent service of a distinguished recipient's name), and above the scroll the words, "Awarded to". Below the scroll a sprig of laurel. The medal is suspended by a silk ribbon $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length and $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in width, composed of two bands of blue ($\frac{5}{16}$ inch, each) on either edge and two bands of white ($\frac{5}{16}$ inches, each) separated by a stripe of blue ($\frac{1}{8}$ inch) down the centre.

(2) *Conditions of Award:* This medal will be awarded to any person serving in any capacity in or with the Colorado National Guard who distinguishes himself by exceptionally meritorious service to the State of Colorado. One medal only will be awarded to an individual; the same conditions will apply as for the Meritorious Conduct Medal for subsequent service of a distinguished character.

d. The Long Service Medal.

(1) *Description:* A medal of bronze, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. On the obverse a cross and superimposed upon the centre of the cross the coat of arms from the great seal of the State of Colorado. Above the coat of arms and across the upper arm of the cross a scroll bearing the inscription, "Faithful Service"; below the coat of arms another scroll inscribed, "Colorado National Guard." On either side of the coat of arms a sprig of laurel. On the reverse a scroll (to be engraved with the recipient's name) and above the scroll the words, "Award-

ed to"; below the scroll the words, "For Long and Faithful Service". A sprig of laurel crosses diagonally from left to right beneath the scroll. The medal is suspended by a silk ribbon $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in length and $1\frac{3}{8}$ inches in width, composed of two bands of blue ($\frac{3}{8}$ inches, each) on either edge, a stripe of yellow ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), a stripe of red ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch), a band of white ($\frac{3}{8}$ inch) through the centre, and a stripe of red ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch) and a stripe of yellow ($\frac{1}{16}$ inch).

(2) *Conditions of Award:* This medal will be awarded to any person who has served honestly and faithfully, either as an officer or an enlisted man, or both, in or with any organization or department of the Colorado National Guard (in State or Federal service) for a period of ten years; the period of ten years need not be consecutive. For each subsequent period of five years' service rendered by any individual, a bronze, five-pointed star, $\frac{3}{16}$ inch in diameter will be worn on the ribbon of the medal and on the service ribbon.

4. *Service Ribbons:* A service ribbon, identical with the ribbon from which one of the decorations or medals described in paragraph 3 above are suspended, and $\frac{3}{8}$ inch in length, may be worn on the service uniform in lieu of the corresponding medal. Medals will only be worn on occasions of ceremony as prescribed in Section V, AR 600-40.

5. *Character of Service Required:* Decorations, medals and clasps may be earned by honorable service only. Service in an enlistment, or as an officer, which terminated otherwise than honorably, is not considered honorable service, within the meaning of the term as here used.

6. The order of precedence of decorations and medals awarded by the State of Colorado is as follows:

- a. The Meritorious Conduct Medal.
- b. The Meritorious Service Medal.
- c. Campaign Medals in order of dates of award.
- d. The Long Service Medal.
- e. Marksmanship Awards.

7. *Applications and Recommendations:* a. Applications for the *Active Service* and *Long Service* medals will be made on Forms furnished by this office. These Forms will be available on and after April 1, 1932.

b. (1). Decorations will ordinarily be awarded on the recommendation of the commanding officer of the regiment or other similar unit. In cases of persons not in a regimental command the recommendation must ordinarily be made by an officer corresponding as nearly as possible to a regimental commander or one of higher command. Recommendations may, however, be *initiated* by officers of lower rank.

(2). Recommendations in the case of the Meritorious Conduct Medal must be based upon the statement of a person who has personal knowledge or who was an eyewitness, preferably the immediate commander. The service or act must be described specifically and in detail, and when the recommendation is made by a person who has personal knowledge or was an eyewitness, it must be so stated. When the recommendation is made by a person who has not personal knowledge or was not an eyewitness, the testimony when practicable, of at least two persons who have personal knowledge or were eyewitnesses, and who so describe themselves, must accompany the recommendation. Written testimony will be in the form of certificates or affidavits. The exact military status of the person recommended at the time of the act or service must be stated in the recommendation."