

Military General Service Medal 1793-1814



Instituted 1847 awarded the following year to troops up to the defeat of Napoleon in 1814. The bars mainly commemorate actions of the Peninsular War, but also include campaigns in the West Indies, Egypt, Java, and the United States.

Description: Silver 36mm diameter, suspended by a silver scrolled bar. Obverse: the Wyon diademed head of Queen Victoria and the legend VICTORIA REGINA. Reverse: depicts the Queen standing on a plinth, crowning the Duke of Wellington with a laurel wreath. The simple inscription TO THE BRITISH ARMY appears round the circumference with the dates 1793-1814 appearing in exergue.

Clasps or Bars: 29 different clasps were issued. The maximum number of clasps to one medal recorded is 15. One medal with 14 clasps was awarded to a

private in the 95th Regiment; this does not tally with the medal roll but is said to be genuine [Gordon:22].

- Egypt (1801)
- Maida (1806)
- Roleia (1808)
- Vimiera (1808)
- Sahagun (1808)
- Benevente (1809)
- Sahagun and Benevente
- Corunna (1809)
- Martinique (1809)
- Talavera (1809)
- Guadaloupe (1810)
- Busaco (1810)
- Barrosa (1811)
- Fuentes d'Onor 1811)
- Albuhera (1811)
- Java (1811)
- Ciudad Rodrigo (1812)
- Badajoz (1812)
- Salamanca (1812)
- Fort Detroit (1812)
- Vittoria (1813)
- Pyrenees (1813)
- St Sebastian (1813)
- Chateauguay (1813)
- Nivelle (1813)
- Chrysler's Farm (1813)
- Nive (1813)
- Orthes (1814)
- Toulouse (1814)

Naming: In impressed serif capitals.

Ribbon: 31 mm crimson edged with dark blue.

Applications were invited from the surviving eligible veterans for the medal in 1847. Medals were awarded to the next-of-kin but only to those who applied for them but died before the medals were issued.