



# THE METROPOLITAN POLICE THE MEN AND THEIR MEDALS



## THE ROLL OF JUBILEE AND CORONATION MEDALS TO OFFICERS WHO JOINED THE FORCE BETWEEN 1879 & 1911

This new publication covers the awards for the Queen Victoria's Jubilees and EdVII & GV Coronation Medals awarded to Met Police Officers.

The book gives an introduction to the awards and the numbers issued, plus background information on the Metropolitan Police. It then gives the details for each officer, their Warrant Numbers & dates of joining / leaving the force, followed by their medal entitlement. The notes also give additional information including showing service in the Boer War / WWI and other awards earned. In all nearly 33,000 entries are shown.

This definitive work, which took three years to produce, is available as a paperback (570 A4 pages) price £27.50 plus postage (£6.50 UK) from the compiler. For further details please contact the e-mail address on the home page of this website.

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*You deserve a medal yourself for the effort it must have taken to compile and for the faith to have it published. I'm sure that it will become a classic on every Metpol medal collectors' shelves.* SG Lincs

Sample pages are shown below



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**METROPOLITAN POLICE JUBILEE AND CORONATION MEDALS**



**1887 JUBILEE (POLICE) MEDAL**

Metal: Bronze  
No Issued: 13,881  
Size: 36 mm  
Naming: Rank, Name and Division  
Ribbon: Plain Dark Blue



**1897 JUBILEE (POLICE) MEDAL**

Metal: Bronze  
No Issued: 7481 (8708 clasps for 1887 medal)  
Size: 36 mm  
Naming: Rank, Name and Division  
Ribbon: Plain Dark Blue



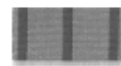
**1902 CORONATION (POLICE) MEDAL**

Metal: Silver Bronze  
No Issued: 51 16,709  
Size: 36 mm  
Naming: Rank, Name and Division  
Ribbon: Red with blue central stripe



**1911 CORONATION (POLICE) MEDAL**

Metal: Silver  
No Issued: 19,783  
Size: 36 mm  
Naming: Rank and Name  
Ribbon: Red with three blue stripes



**NAMING OF MEDALS**

**Detail:**  
Medals named to Metropolitan Police Officers normally show the following information which is engraved on the rim of the medal in capital letters:

Rank Initial Surname Division  
e.g. PS. C. BUDGE L.DIV<sup>th</sup>

The Division is omitted on 1911 Medals.

**Rank:**  
The following ranks have been noted on medals:

|              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| ASST. COMDR. | CH. CONST. |
| SUPT.        | CH. INSP.  |
| INSP.        | SUB. INSP. |
| PS.          | PC.        |

On 1887 medals INSP is often shown as INSP<sup>th</sup>. (CH. INSP<sup>th</sup>, INSP<sup>th</sup>, and SUB. INSP<sup>th</sup>.)

One example has been noted of CH. SUPT. (1887 Medal to Ch. Supt. Dunlop A Div - Warrant No. 31957). This medal / rank is probably unique.

The rank of SPS was not used and there is no distinction between medals to Sergeants and Station Sergeants.

Normally there is no distinction between medals awarded to Inspectors and Sub Divisional Inspectors. However a few examples of the 1911 Medal to SDIs have been noted e.g. SUB. DIV. INSP. R. HILL

This Officer (Warrant No. 79328) worked in the Public Carriage Branch at New Scotland Yard.

One example of an 1897 Medal has been noted with Thames Div PS rank of 3<sup>rd</sup> Class Inspector: 3<sup>rd</sup> INSP<sup>th</sup>. W. HEWITT. THAMES DIVISION

**Name:**  
Normally the name is shown with a single initial although a few medals have been noted with multiple initials:  
e.g. 1897 Medal to PC. S.J. LENTON. P. DIV<sup>th</sup>.

**Division:**  
On most 1887 / 1897 Medals the word Division is engraved as DIV<sup>th</sup>, with some medals having the *D* underlined. A few of these medals have been seen with just the word DIV. The word DIV. was used for all 1902 Medals.

**CO Division:**  
It is difficult to establish the exact style used for 1887 Medals to CO Division Officers. Medals for 1897 to CO men normally have no division shown on the medal but 1902 Medals are engraved CO. DIV. An example of the latter is: Warrant No. 84939 P.C. A. SMITH. C.O. DIV.

**Thames Division:**  
1887 Medals show the abbreviation of TA:  
e.g. PC. W. COURTMAN. T.A. DIV.  
Later medals used the word THAMES as below:  
1902 Medal PC H M<sup>th</sup> CREE THAMES DIV

**Other Divisions:**  
1887, 1897 and 1902 Medals to other divisions have the single letter designation (A - Y) for their London Divisions and numeric designation (1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>) for the Royal Dockyards.

**CID Officers:**  
Medals have been noted to CID Officers which are named in different styles. Examples are:  
1887 Medal to Warrant No. 61621 PC. F. GUMBRIDGE. COMDRS. OFFICE  
1897 Medal to Warrant No. 74577 PC - CID - I. BEDFORD. W. DIV.  
1902 Medal to Warrant No. 78369 P.C. E. BUCKLEY. CO(CID).

**Naming Styles:**  
1887 Medals are engraved in large sloping capitals. An example of the style is shown:  
PS. J. WILLIAMSON. V.DIV<sup>th</sup>

1897 Medals are engraved in upright capitals. Medals have been noted with both larger and smaller lettering but all have a fairly crude appearance, with some medals including an arrow pattern at each end. Examples are shown:  
- P.C. G. HICKS. T. DIV<sup>th</sup> -  
P.C. G. HARRISON. L. DIV<sup>th</sup>

1902 Medals are engraved in large upright capitals. An example is given below:  
P.C. J. LAUDER. A. DIV.

1911 Medals are engraved in filled large upright capitals. An example is shown below:  
CH. INSP. T. ROGERS.

**PHOTOGRAPHS OF METROPOLITAN POLICE OFFICERS**



Supt Edward West Warrant No. 63737



PS Arthur Kedzie Warrant No. 95147



Insp Albert Bright Warrant No. 87737



PC Alfred Wood Warrant No. 72970

Table with columns: Warror, First Name, Surname, Joined, Rank, Div, Left, Rank, Div, Reason, 1887, 1897, 1902, 1911, Notes. Rows include names like Frederick Anderson, George Anderson, Henry Anderson, etc.

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