

War Office

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Judgate Hill, London, E.C. 4

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Sir

With reference to your letter of the 18th ultimo, requesting that the Bandmasters upon whom the medal of The Worshipful Company of Musicians has been conferred may wear this medal when in uniform, I am commended by the Army Council to inform you that the regulations governing the acceptance and wearing of non-military medals when in uniform are purposely of a stringent nature.

I am to state that the only non-military medals which are recognised for this purpose are certain medals awarded for gallantry not in the presence of the enemy, and it is not proposed to make any further exception to the rule.

I am therefore to say that, in these circumstances it is regretted that your application cannot be entertained.

I am, Sir

The Master

Your obedient Servant

The Worshipful Company of Musicians

B. B. Lebell

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21st July 1918

Dear Chamber

I have made enquiries as to whether Bandmasters in the Army could be allowed to wear the medal of the Worshipful Company of Musicians when in uniform, but