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| BG2906 | <p>STATION SERGEANT T. O'SHEA, DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE. Three: Visit to Ireland Medal Queen Victoria, 1900, bronze, officially engraved (Police Constable, Dublin Metropolitan Police); Visit to Ireland Medal Edward VII, 1903, bronze, officially engraved (Police Constable, Dublin Metropolitan Police); Visit to Ireland Medal George V, 1911 silver (unnamed, as issued). All three medals with their original top brooch suspenders, generally Good Very Fine to Almost Extremely Fine, and accompanied by recipient's original three ribbon breast bar, for wear when not wearing medals, a scarce grouping.</p> <p>Dublin Metropolitan Police service records confirm only one T. O'Shea as serving with the force during that unit's existence. Thomas O'Shea, born in the parish of Ballysimon (post town Monaleen, Co. Limerick) 1876 (baptised 14/5/1876), joined the Dublin Metropolitan Police on 7/7/1899. He was recommended for the force by a Justice of the Peace by the name of Mr Purcell, and at the time of joining was 23 years of age, stood some 6 feet 2 1/4 inches in height and gave his trade as that of labourer and religion as Roman Catholic. On joining the DMP O'Shea was allocated warrant no. 10225, posted to C Division on 5/1/1900, transferred to E Division on 19/9/1913, being promoted Sergeant on the same day, transferred to B Division on 27/3/1914, and finally transferred to A Division on 1/7/1920, being appointed Station Sergeant on the same day. O'Shea was pensioned on 10/4/1922.</p> <p>Royal Visit Medals awarded to the Dublin Metropolitan Police are considerably scarcer than those awarded to the Royal Irish Constabulary, the DMP having a total strength of approximately 1,200 officers and men at the time of the Royal Visits of 1900, 1903 and 1911, whereas the RIC was composed of approximately 9,800 officers and men in each of those years.</p> | £900 | €1080 |
| BG3254 | <p>SERGEANT T. LEARY, DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE. Two: Visit to Ireland Medal, 1900, Victoria (officially engraved: P.S. T. LEARY. D.M.P.); Visit to Ireland Medal, Edward VII, 1903 (officially engraved: P.S. T. LEARY. D.M.P.). Both medals with original bronze shamrock top suspenders, Extremely Fine and an attractive pair of medals.</p> <p>The following details regarding Police Sergeant Leary have been extracted from the Dublin Metropolitan Police records, National Archives, Dublin. Thomas Leary, a Catholic farmer from village of Kilmihil, Co. Clare, originally enlisted into the Dublin Metropolitan Police on 12/6/1883 (Warrant No. 9072). At the time of enlistment he was 20 years of age and stood some 6 feet and a quarter inch in height.</p> <p>Leary saw service in B and C Divisions, prior to be promoted Sergeant in 1898, and was pensioned in December 1908 with an annual pension of £59 5 shillings 7 pence.</p> <p>Sergeant Leary had an outstanding service record, receiving no less than 21 awards for good service, including 18 monetary awards of sums ranging from 5 shillings to 10 shillings and 3 approbations. He also received 11 monetary awards ranging from £1 to £5 and 4 shillings for "special police service". Leary's various rewards and awards included being commended for "resolute and determinate conduct" in "retaining in</p> | £800 | €960 |

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| | <p>custody two men who assaulted him and threw a bottle at another sergeant". Sergeant Leary was also involved in "retaining a powerful corner boy who stabbed him with a knife", in "stopping runaway horses" and "arresting horse car driver for furious driving". He received a reward for "identifying and convicting ten prisoners who violently assaulted himself and a constable", later he took part in the "arrest of men for larceny, for attempted entry, and (arrest) of a man for illegal possession of cheese". He was rewarded for the "arrest of juveniles . . . thieves, pickpockets and for breaking glass" and "arrested woman for obtaining goods by false pretences" and finally for "tracing and arresting men who had assaulted a constable". Leary was also commended by the RSPCA for enforcing the law with regard to the Cruelty to Animals Act.</p> <p>However, Sergeant Leary had a propensity for sailing close to the wind at times, there being no less than 13 entries with regard to indiscipline in his service record, as follows: 1884, "deficient of his uniform cape at weekly inspection (ordered to replace same)"; 1885, "absent from beat, found coming out of Westland Row Chapel" (fined 5 shillings); 1885, "discharging a prisoner from his custody" (fined 5 shillings); 1885, "absent from his beat, found in forge with a sentry" (reprimanded). The preceding disciplinary entries were struck from Sergeant Leary's record on the occasion of Queen Victoria's Jubilee in 1887. Subsequently, Sergeant Leary was disciplined on an number of other occasions, as follows: 1892, "gossiping on duty with a civilian" (cautioned); 1893, "absent from his beat, found coming out of public house" (cautioned); 1893, "gossiping on duty with a shopkeeper" (fined 1 shilling sixpence); 1893, "gossiping on duty with two police constables" (fined sixpence); 1895, "absent from his special beat at Custom House, and found gossiping, another time found to be absent and seen coming out of watchman's box" (cautioned for first offence and fined 5 shillings for second offence, which has been endorsed "doubtful"); 1903, "highly improper conduct, inquiring without authority about a will from Mrs O'Hehir, and asking her to send a man £2 and tuppence" (reprimanded and removed from the district); 1905, "without leave, getting his solicitor to write to the Chief Commissioner re. getting possession of his house, from his tenant Sergeant Gibson" (reprimanded); 1905, "highly improper conduct, obtaining porter from mess man, contrary to regulations, and two of his constables in messroom" (fined £2); 1907, "highly improper conduct, incurring a debt from a spirit grocer, and allowing his wife to incur a debt, also causing annoyance to proprietor by repeatedly standing in front of his shop and laughing at him to detriment of his business". With regards to this final offence, the Vice-Commissioner found that the debt had been incurred but that the circumstances did not warrant a serious view - Leary being everely reprimanded and warned that there would be consequences if got in further trouble.</p> <p>A microcosm of life as a police officer in late 19th and early 20th century Dublin - Dublin in the rare oul times - those were the days.</p> <p>The 1900 and 1903 Visit Medals were Sergeant Leary's sole medal entitlements.</p> <p>Royal Visit Medals awarded to the Dublin Metropolitan Police are considerably scarcer than those awarded to the Royal Irish Constabulary, the DMP having a total strength of approximately 1,200 officers and men at the time of the Royal Visits of 1900, 1903 and 1911, whereas the RIC was composed of approximately 9,800 officers and men in each of those years.</p> | | |
| BG3253 | <p>CONSTABLE T. CORCORAN, DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE. Three: Visit to Ireland Medal, Victoria, 1900 (officially engraved: P.C. T. CORCORAN. D.M.P.); Visit to Ireland Medal, Edward VII, 1903 (officially engraved: P.C. T. CORCORAN. D.M.P.); Visit to Ireland Medal, George V, 1911 (unnamed, as issued). 1900 and 1903 Visit</p> | £950 | €1140 |

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| | <p>medals original shamrock top suspenders, generally Almost Extremely Fine.</p> <p>The following details regarding Constable Corcoran have been extracted from the Dublin Metropolitan Police records, National Archives, Dublin. Thomas Corcoran, a Catholic farmer from Killeshandra, Co. Cavan, joined the Dublin Metropolitan Police on 3/3/1889. At the time of joining he was 20 years and 6 months old and stood some 5 feet 10.5 inches in height. Given warrant number 9484, he was first posted to F Division on 15/3/1889 and transferred to D Division on 1/1/1896, remaining in the latter division for the remainder of his career with the DMP, Corcoran being pensioned on 28/5/1916, only a few weeks after the 1916 Rising in Dublin. Constable Corcoran's salary during his service with the DMP was initially £1 3 shillings 8 pence per week, but by October 1914 this had increased to £1 13 shillings 8 pence per week. He was pensioned with a lump sum of £48 7 shillings and 2 pence.</p> <p>During his period of service with the DMP Constable Corcoran was rewarded or commended on six separate occasions. On 30/6/1892 he received a reward of 5 shillings after having stopped a runaway horse. On 25/4/1893 he was commended for having arrested a "corner boy" who had resisted arrest and assaulted him. Subsequently Corcoran was rewarded on four occasions for "special police service", for £1 in 1899 and 1903, £3 in 1906 and £2 10 shillings in 1907.</p> <p>Constable Corcoran was also reprimanded and / or fined on five occasions. He was reprimanded on three occasions for "highly improper conduct in endeavouring to obtain leave", for "making no effort to serve a summons", and for "gossiping on beat". He was also fined on two occasions for being "absent from beat", the first time for 2 shillings and the second time for 1 shilling and 6 pence.</p> <p>Service record confirms Corcoran as being "on duty" during the Royal Visits of 1900, 1903 and 1911.</p> <p>Royal Visit Medals awarded to the Dublin Metropolitan Police are considerably scarcer than those awarded to the Royal Irish Constabulary, the DMP having a total strength of approximately 1,200 officers and men at the time of the Royal Visits of 1900, 1903 and 1911, whereas the RIC was composed of approximately 9,800 officers and men in each of those years.</p> | | |
| BS2889 | ARTHUR H. BURCHETT. Special Constabulary Long Service Medal, George VI, first type, "IND IMP" title. Extremely Fine. | £12 | €14.4 |
| BS2671 | CHARLES T. GEAVES, SPECIAL CONSTABULARY. Special Constabulary Long Service Medal, George VI, type 1, Ind Imp legend. Extremely Fine. | £15 | €18 |
| BS3519 | STANLEY M. NOTT. Special Constabulary Long Service Medal, George VI, impressed (Stanley M. Nott). Extremely Fine. | £12 | €14.4 |
| BS3460 | FRANK SCOTT. Special Constabulary Long Service Medal, George VI. Almost Extremely Fine. | £12 | €14.4 |
| BS2638 | SPECIAL CONSTABLE ALFRED J. KENNETT, Special Constabulary Long Service Medal, George V, type 1, crowned bust in coronation robes, officially impressed naming. Lustrous Extremely Fine | £12 | €14.4 |
| BS2639 | SPECIAL CONSTABLE JONATHAN W. JONES, Special Constabulary Long Service Medal, George V, type 1 (Coronation robes), officially impressed. Extremely fine. | £12 | €14.4 |
| BS3637 | INSPECTOR J. DAVIS, B DIVISION. Jubilee (Police) Medal 1887, bronze, no clasp (officially engraved: INSPR. J. DAVIS. B. DIVN.). Extremely Fine, much original lustre, and with an length of original ribbon. | £85 | €102 |
| BS3305 | CONSTABLE M. CROTTY, DUBLIN METROPOLITAN POLICE. Visit to Ireland Medal 1900, with its original shamrock top suspender | £350 | €420 |

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| | <p>(officially engraved P.C. M. CROTTY. D.M.P.), Extremely Fine and virtually as struck.</p> <p>Dublin Metropolitan Police records confirm only one Constable M. Crotty serving with the force at the time of the 1900 Royal Visit. Born 1875 (baptised 19/1/1875), Michael Crotty was 21 years of age at the time of enlistment into the Dublin Metropolitan Police, on 20/9/1895. A Roman Catholic, he was a farmer by trade, stood 6 feet 2 5/8 inches tall, and was from Ladies Bridge, Castlemartyr, Co. Cork. Crotty was recommended for the DMP by Captain Roland, J.P. Crotty saw service as a Constable in F Division from 20/9/1895, initially being paid £1 3s 8d per week. He transferred to B Division on 7/10/1898, and F Division on 12/5/1899, and continued to serve in the latter division until his retirement. He was promoted Police Sergeant, 12/5/1911, his rate of pay being increased at that time to £1 14s 8d per week. His final increase in pay came on 1/4/1919, when his weekly pay was increased to £5 12s 6d. Crotty was pensioned on 6/9/1923 with an annual pension of £195. Given that Crotty did not retire until September 1923, it is probable that he saw a short period of service post-independence with the re-titled Poilini Atha Cliath, this force coming into existence on 1/4/1922.</p> <p>Royal Visit Medals awarded to the Dublin Metropolitan Police are considerably scarcer than those awarded to the Royal Irish Constabulary, the DMP having a total strength of approximately 1,200 officers and men at the time of the Royal Visits of 1900, 1903 and 1911, whereas the RIC was composed of approximately 9,800 officers and men in each of those years.</p> | | |
| BS2659 | <p>CONSTABLE P. O'GARA, ROYAL IRISH CONSTABULARY. Visit to Ireland Medal 1903 (officially engraved: C. P. O'GARA. R.I.C.). Very Fine.</p> <p>Royal Irish Constabulary service records list four P. O'Gara's who saw service with the force during its existence, three Patricks and a Peter, one of whom can be positively identified as the recipient of this medal, 58360 Constable Peter O'Gara (the four Patricks can be disregarded since 23396 was discharged well before 1903, 47229 was a Sergeant at the time of the 1903 Visit and 55712 was discharged with a gratuity on 15th December 1894). Peter O'Gara, a native of Sligo, enlisted into the Royal Irish Constabulary in 1899. At the time of enlistment he was 21 years and 2 months of age and six feet two and a quarter inches in height. A farmer by trade, he was a Roman Catholic and was recommended by District Justice Wall. He first saw service in county Leitrim, from 1st February 1899, was transferred to the Reserve on 7th November 1903, and was posted to county Clare on 21st August 1907. Peter O'Gara was promoted Acting Sergeant 1st November 1915, Sergeant, 1st March 1918, and was disbanded to a pension of £195 per annum on 20th April 1922.</p> | £200 | €240 |
| BS2947 | VISIT TO IRELAND MEDAL, 1911, Unnamed, as issued. Attractive old dark tone, Virtually As Struck. | £180 | €216 |
| BS1905 | CORONATION MEDAL ELIZABETH II, 1953 (unnamed, as issued). Good Very Fine. | £28 | €33.6 |
| M1149 | S. REEVE, BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY, PROFICIENCY IN FIRST AID BREAST BADGE, gilt bronze and enamel, with ornate gilt bronze and enamel top brooch suspender, by J. R. Gaunt, London (reverse officially impressed: 33429 S. REEVE). Extremely Fine. | £18 | €21.6 |