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THE KING'S POLICE MEDAL.

THE King has been pleased to issue a Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect :---

EDWARD R. & I.

EDWARD THE SEVENTH, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and of the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all whom these Presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas We have taken into Our Royal consideration the good services which are rendered by officers of the Constabulary Forces and by persons serving in Fire Brigades within Our Dominions and in Territories under Our Protection or Jurisdiction and the heroic acts of courage and instances of conspicuous devotion to duty of such persons which are from time to time brought to Our notice :

And whereas we are desirous of distinguishing such meritorious conduct by some mark of Our Royal favour :

We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, institute and create a new Medal to be awarded for such acts of courage and conspicuous devotion to duty.

Firstly.—It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled "The King's Police Medal."

Secondly.—It is ordained that the King's Police Medal shall consist of a circular Medal of Silver with Our Effigy on the obverse, and on the reverse a design emblematic of Protection from

danger, and shall bear on the rim the name of the person to whom the Medal is awarded.

Thirdly.—It is ordained that the Medal shall only be awarded to those of Our Faithful Subjectsand others who being members of a recognized Police Force or of a properly organized Fire Brigade within Our Dominions or in Territories under Our Protection or Jurisdiction, have performed acts of exceptional courage and skill or have exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty; and that such award shall be made only on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Fourthly.—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer this Decoration shall be published in the London Gazette, and that a register thereof shall be kept in the Office of Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

Such Register shall show the name and rank of the person holding the Medal, the Police Force or Fire Brigade of which he is or was a member, and particulars of the action for which the Medal has been awarded.

Fifthly.—It is ordained that each Medal shall be suspended from the left breast, and the riband, of an inch and three-eighths in width, shall be dark blue with a narrow silver stripe on either side.

Sixthly.—It is ordained that any act of gallantry which is worthy of recognition by the award of the King's Police Medal, but is performed by one upon whom the Decoration has already been conferred, may, on the recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, be recorded by a Bar attached to the riband by which the Medal is suspended;

