

Cross, enamelled red, edged with gold, having on the arms thereof the words Faith, Hope, Charity, with the date of the institution of the Decoration; the centre having thereon in relief the Royal and Imperial Effigy; and that on the reverse thereof the Royal and Imperial Cipher and Crown shall be shown in relief on the centre; and

(iii) That the Second Class shall consist of a Cross of the same form and size as the First Class, but of frosted silver, with a Maltese Cross enamelled red not exceeding half its dimensions superimposed thereon, the centre having thereon in relief the Royal and Imperial Effigy; and that the reverse shall have inscribed on the arms thereof the words Faith, Hope, Charity and the date of institution of the original Decoration, the centre having thereon in relief the Royal and Imperial Cipher and Crown.

*Secondly.*—It is ordained that the Cross in either Class shall be attached to a dark blue riband edged red, of one inch in width, tied in a bow and worn on the left shoulder.

*Thirdly.*—It is ordained that the Decoration may be worn by the Queen Regnant, the Queen Consort, or the Queen Dowager of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to confer either class of the Decoration upon any of the Princesses of the Royal Family of Great Britain and Ireland; also upon the Queens or Princesses of Foreign Countries who may have specially exerted themselves in providing for the nursing of the sick and wounded of Foreign Armies and Navies.

*Fourthly.*—It is ordained that the First Class of the Decoration may be conferred upon a fully trained Nurse who is a member of one of the officially recognized Nursing Services, and who has shown exceptional devotion and competency in the performance of actual nursing duties with Our Army in the Field, or in Our Naval, Military, or Air Force Hospitals, or in an Auxiliary War Hospital, over a continuous and long period, or who has performed some very exceptional act of bravery and devotion at her post of duty; and whose name has been brought to Our Notice by Our Secretary of State for War, Our First Lord of the Admiralty, or Our Secretary of State for Air.

*Fifthly.*—It is ordained that the Second Class of the Decoration may be conferred upon a fully trained Nurse, or an Assistant Nurse, Probationer, or V.A.D. Nursing Member, who belongs to one of the officially recognized Nursing Services, and who has shown special devotion and competency in the performance of actual nursing duties with Our Army in the Field, or in Our Naval, Military, or Air Force Hospitals, or in an Auxiliary War Hospital, over a continuous and long period, or who has performed some very exceptional act of bravery and devotion at her post of duty; and whose name has been brought to Our Notice by Our Secretary of State for War, our First Lord of the Admiralty, or Our Secretary of State for Air.

*Sixthly.*—It is ordained that the number of awards in the First Class of the Decoration shall not exceed two per cent. of the total establishment of Nurses, and that the number of awards in the Second Class of the Decoration shall not exceed five per cent. of the total establishment of Nurses, the allotments to be

proportionate to the number of each Nursing Service; provided nevertheless that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to make such additions as, under exceptional circumstances, We may deem fitting.

*Seventhly.*—It is ordained that a recipient of the First Class of the Decoration shall not afterwards be awarded the Second Class; that recipients of the Second Class of the Decoration, if trained nurses, shall be eligible for advancement to the First Class as vacancies may arise; and that on such advancement the Second Class Decoration shall be returned to the office of Our Secretary of State for War.

*Eighthly.*—It is ordained that recipients of the First Class of the Decoration, who are Our Subjects, shall be designated Members of the Royal Red Cross, and shall be entitled to the letters R.R.C. following their names; and that recipients of the Second Class of the Decoration, who are Our Subjects, shall be designated Associates of the Royal Red Cross, and shall be entitled to the letters A.R.R.C. following their names.

*Ninthly.*—It is ordained:—

(i) That either Class of the Decoration may be conferred upon Ladies (other than those referred to in the 4th and 5th Clauses of this Our Royal Warrant), whether subjects or foreign persons, who may be recommended to Our Notice by Our Secretary of State for War, Our First Lord of the Admiralty, or Our Secretary of State for Air, as having voluntarily undertaken nursing duties and shown special devotion and competency in the performance of such duties, over a continuous and long period, in hospitals which have been specially established for the treatment of sick and wounded personnel of Our Naval, Military or Air Forces—including our Indian Forces and the Forces of Our self-governing Dominions beyond the seas; but the First Class of the Decoration shall be conferred only upon a fully trained nurse.

(ii) That any foreign lady upon whom the First Class of the Decoration is conferred under this Our Royal Warrant shall be regarded as an "Honorary Member," and that such person upon whom the Second Class is conferred shall be regarded as an "Honorary Associate," and

(iii) That the numbers of each class of the Decoration which may be conferred under this Clause shall be additional to the Establishment ordained in the Sixth Clause of this Our Royal Warrant.

*Tenthly.*—It is ordained that if anyone upon whom the First Class of the Decoration has been conferred is subsequently recommended for such approved service as would have rendered her eligible for the Decoration, had she not already received it, she shall be awarded a Bar to be attached to the Decoration.

*Eleventhly.*—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer the Decoration shall be published in the *London Gazette*, and a register thereof kept in the office of Our Secretary of State for War.

*Twelfthly.*—In order to make such additional provision as shall effectually preserve pure this honourable distinction it is ordained:

(1) That if any person upon whom such distinction shall be conferred shall in the opinion of Our Army Council, Our Board of Admiralty, or Our Air Council so conduct