

dispensing with these regulations, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, this *fifth* day of *February*, in the 21st year of Our Reign, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

By His Majesty's Command,
T. Shaw.

ROYAL WARRANT.

THE ROYAL RED CROSS.

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas, King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India, to all to whom these Presents shall come,

GREETING!

Whereas Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, by a Warrant under Her Sign Manual dated the 23rd day of April, 1883, did institute, constitute and create a Decoration designated "The Royal Red Cross," to be awarded in recognition of special services rendered in nursing the sick and wounded of Our Army and Navy, and did make, ordain and establish certain rules and ordinances for the governance of the same, which rules and ordinances were subsequently amended by Warrants dated the 11th day of December, 1897, the 24th day of July, 1902, the 8th day of September, 1909, the 10th day of November, 1915, the 15th day of December, 1917, and the 30th day of April, 1918:

And whereas the said Warrants were consolidated and varied by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 25th day of October, 1920:

And whereas We deem it expedient that Our said Warrant shall be amended:

Now therefore We do hereby declare that the rules and ordinances contained in Our said Warrant dated the 25th day of October, 1920, shall be abrogated, cancelled and annulled, and We are pleased to make, ordain and establish the following rules and ordinances in substitution for the same, which shall from henceforth be inviolably observed and kept:—

Firstly: It is ordained that:—

(i) The Decoration shall be styled and designated "The Royal Red Cross," and shall be divided into two Classes;

(ii) The First Class shall consist of a 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 on the reverse thereof the Royal and Imperial Cipher and Crown shall be shown in relief on the centre; and

(iii) 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 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 Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas; and that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to confer at Our Pleasure either class of the Decoration upon any Princesses of the Royal Family; 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, Navies and Air Forces.

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 or Our Air Force 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 Principal Secretary of State for War, Our First Lord of the Admiralty, or Our Principal 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 Nursing Member of a Voluntary Aid Detachment, 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 or Our Air Force 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 Principal Secretary of State for War, Our First Lord of the Admiralty, or Our Principal 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 numbers of each Nursing Service; provided nevertheless, that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to make such