

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 Principal 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 that:—

(i) Either Class of the Decoration may be conferred upon ladies (other than those referred to in the Fourth and Fifth Clauses of this Our Warrant), whether Our Subjects or foreign persons, who may be recommended 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, 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) Any foreign lady upon whom the First Class of the Decoration is conferred under this Our Warrant shall be regarded as an "Honorary Member", and such person upon whom the Second Class is conferred shall be regarded as an "Honorary Associate"; and

(iii) 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 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 Principal Secretary of State for War.

Twelfthly: It is ordained that reproductions of both Classes of the Cross in miniature which may be worn on certain occasions

by those to whom the Decoration is awarded shall be half the size of The Royal Red Cross and that a Sealed Pattern of the said Miniature Cross shall be deposited and kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

Thirteenthly: It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by an Order under Our Sign Manual and on the recommendation to that effect by or through Our First Lord of the Admiralty or one of Our Principal Secretaries of State to cancel and annul the award of The Royal Red Cross to any person and that thereupon her name in the Register shall be erased; but that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to restore the Decoration when such recommendation has been withdrawn.

Fourteenthly: It is ordained that notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the London Gazette.

Lastly: We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, interpreting, or 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 MILITARY 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 We did by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 28th day of December, 1914, institute and create a Decoration entitled "The Military Cross" to be awarded to Officers of certain ranks in Our Army in recognition of distinguished and meritorious services in time of War, 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 23rd day of August, 1916, and the 25th day of June, 1917:

And whereas the said Warrants were consolidated and varied by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 6th day of November, 1920:

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

Now therefore We do hereby declare that the rules and ordinances contained in Our said Warrant dated the 6th day of November, 1920, shall be abrogated, cancelled and annulled, and We are pleased to make, ordain and establish