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The Distinguished Conduct Medal.

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Royal Warrant.

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 30th day of September, 1862, did institute and create a silver medal bearing the words "For Distinguished Conduct in the Field", to be granted to Serjeants, Corporals and Privates of Our Regular Army, for individual acts of distinguished conduct in the Field in any part of the world:

AND WHEREAS the rules and ordinances for the governance of the same have been amended from time to time and were consolidated and varied by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 8th 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 8th day of November, 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 the Medal, which shall be of silver, shall be designated "The Distinguished Conduct Medal", and shall bear on the obverse the Royal Effigy; and on the reverse the words "For Distinguished Conduct in the Field".

Secondly.

It is ordained that The Distinguished Conduct Medal may be awarded on the recommendation of a Commander-in-Chief in the Field to Warrant Officers, Classes I and II, non-commissioned officers and men serving in any of Our Military Forces for distinguished conduct in action in the Field.

Thirdly.

It is ordained that should anyone who has been awarded The Distinguished Conduct Medal be subsequently recommended for such approved act or acts of distinguished conduct in action in the Field as would have rendered him eligible for the Medal, had he not already received it, he may be awarded a Bar to be attached to the ribbon by which the medal is suspended: and that for every additional such act or acts of distinguished conduct an additional Bar may be awarded.

Fourthly.

It is ordained that The Distinguished Conduct Medal shall not confer any individual precedence, but shall entitle the recipient to the addition after his name of the letters D.C.M.

Fifthly.

It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer The Distinguished Conduct Medal 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 War.

Sixthly.

It is ordained that The Distinguished Conduct Medal shall be worn before war medals in such order as We may from time to time assign to it, and that it shall be worn on the left breast pendent from a ribbon of one inch and one quarter in width, which shall be in colour crimson, having in the centre a dark blue stripe of a width equal to the crimson stripes on each side of it.

Seventhly.

It is ordained that-

- (1) a Warrant Officer, Class I or II, non-commissioned officer or man belonging to any of Our Military Forces who has been awarded The Distinguished Conduct Medal shall be paid a gratuity of £20 on promotion to a Commission, or on transfer to Our Army Reserve, or on discharge without pension;
- (2) a Warrant Officer, Class I or II, non-commissioned officer or man belonging to any of Our Military Forces who has been awarded The Distinguished Conduct Medal and who is discharged with a pension shall be eligible for an additional pension of 6d. a day if he is European (other than Maltese) and 3d. a day if Maltese or non-European, provided that he is not already in receipt of such additional pension;
- (3) where a Warrant Officer, non-commissioned officer or man who comes under sub-paragraph (1) of this Clause is awarded a Bar or Bars to The Distinguished Conduct Medal, each Bar shall for the purposes of gratuity be regarded as an original award of the Medal, but no gratuity or further addition to pension shall be issuable in respect of a Bar or Bars to a Warrant Officer, non-commissioned officer or man, who comes under sub-paragraph (2) of this Clause: and
- (4) soldiers of an Allied or Associated Army of ranks equivalent to those of Our Military Forces specified in the second clause of this Our Warrant, who have been associated in operations with Our Military Forces, shall be eligible for the award of The Distinguished Conduct Medal, but no pension or gratuity shall accompany such award.

Eighthly.

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 Principal Secretary of State for War to cancel and annul the award of The Distinguished Conduct Medal to any person, together with any gratuity, or pension in lieu thereof, appertaining thereto not already paid, and that thereupon his name in the Register shall be erased; but that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to restore the Medal when such recommendation has been withdrawn and with it such gratuity, or pension in lieu thereof, as may have been forfeited.

Ninthly.

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, augmenting, 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