

WHITEHALL, June 7, 1905.

The King has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual (to the following effect), to amend and consolidate the Royal Warrant relating to the Albert Medal:—

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 Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, being desirous of distinguishing, by some mark of Her Royal Favour, the many heroic acts performed by Marines and others who endanger their own lives in saving or endeavouring to save the lives of others from shipwrecks and other perils of the sea; and the many heroic acts performed on land by those who endanger their own lives in saving or endeavouring to save the lives of others from accidents in mines, on railways, and at fires, or other peril within Her Dominions, other than perils of the sea, did, by Warrants under the Royal Sign Manual, bearing date respectively the 7th March 1866, the 12th April 1867, and the 30th April 1877, institute and create for Herself, Her Heirs, and Successors, as a mark of Royal Approbation of such heroic acts, new Decorations styled respectively "The Albert Medal of the First Class" and "The Albert Medal of the Second Class," inscribed "For Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea," and Decorations similarly styled but inscribed "For Gallantry in Saving Life on Land," which Decorations Her Majesty was desirous should be highly prized and eagerly sought after:

And whereas since the institution of these Decorations under the Warrants above-mentioned, amending Warrants bearing date respectively the 13th September 1881, the 12th March 1891, and the 24th March 1904, have been given under the Sign Manual, *and it is Our Pleasure still further to amend the Rules governing the award of the Decorations by abolishing the ordinance that the Medal for saving life on land shall only be awarded for acts of gallantry performed within Our Dominions:*

And whereas it seems to Us expedient to consolidate the Royal Warrants relating to the said Decorations, We are graciously pleased to make, ordain, and establish the following Rules and Ordinances for the government of the Decorations, which Rules and Ordinances shall from henceforth be inviolably observed and kept:—

I. It is ordained that the Decorations "For Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea" shall be styled "The Albert Medal of the First Class" and "The Albert Medal of the Second Class."

II. It is ordained that "The Albert Medal of the First Class," when conferred for gallantry in saving life at sea, shall consist of a gold oval-shaped Badge or Decoration, enamelled in dark blue, with a monogram composed of the letters V. and A., interlaced with an Anchor erect in gold, surrounded by a Garter in bronze, inscribed in raised letters of gold, "For Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea," and surmounted by a representation of the Crown of His Royal Highness the lamented Prince Consort, and suspended from a dark blue

riband of an inch and three-eighths in width, with four white longitudinal stripes.

III. It is ordained that "The Albert Medal of the Second Class," when conferred for gallantry in saving life at sea, shall consist of the like shaped enamelled Badge, save and except in this class it shall be entirely worked in bronze, instead of gold and bronze, and shall be suspended from a dark blue riband of an inch and three-eighths of an inch in width, with two white longitudinal stripes.

IV. It is ordained that the Medals shall only be awarded to those of Our faithful subjects and others who, in saving or endeavouring to save the lives of others from shipwreck or other perils of the sea, have endangered their own lives, and that such award shall be made only on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department:

Provided always that the preliminary steps and inquiry concerning the award of either Albert Medal inscribed "For Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea," shall, if the award be to any one belonging to the Royal Navy or Royal Marines, be with the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and in other cases with the President of the Board of Trade.

V. It is ordained that the names of those persons upon whom We may be pleased to confer either of the Albert Medals inscribed "For Gallantry in Saving Life at Sea," shall be published in the London Gazette, and that a Register of the names of such of these persons as belong to the Royal Navy or the Royal Marines, shall be kept in the Office of the Lords Commissioners of the Admiralty, and a Register of the names of the persons not belonging to the Royal Navy or the Royal Marines upon whom We may be pleased to confer either Medal inscribed as aforesaid, shall be kept in the Office of the Board of Trade.

VI. It is ordained that the Decoration for gallantry in saving lives endangered otherwise than by perils of the sea, shall be styled "The Albert Medal of the First Class" and "The Albert Medal of the Second Class," and shall be inscribed "For Gallantry in Saving Life on Land."

VII. It is ordained that "The Albert Medal of the First Class," when conferred for gallantry in saving life on land, shall consist of a gold oval-shaped Badge or Decoration, enamelled in crimson, with a Monogram composed of the letters V. and A., erect in gold, surrounded by a Garter in bronze, inscribed in raised letters of gold, "For Gallantry in Saving Life on Land," and surmounted by a representation of the Crown of His Royal Highness the lamented Prince Consort, and suspended from a crimson riband of an inch and three-eighths in width, with four white longitudinal stripes.

VIII. It is ordained that "The Albert Medal of the Second Class," when conferred for gallantry in saving life on land, shall consist of the like shaped enamelled badge, save and except that it shall be entirely worked in bronze, instead of gold and bronze, and shall be suspended from a crimson riband of an inch and three-eighths of an inch in width, with two white longitudinal stripes.

IX. It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer either of these Decorations shall be published in the London Gazette, and that a Register thereof shall be kept