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EDWARD, R. & I.

EDWARD, 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 to whom these presents shall come, Greeting!

Whereas We have taken into Our Royal consideration that the means of adequately rewarding the distinguished services of Indian commissioned and non-commissioned officers and men of Our Indian Regular Forces, including the Reserve of the Indian Army, Border Militia and Levies, and Military Police and Imperial Service Troops when employed under the orders of Our Government of India, who have distinguished themselves in peace or on active service are limited:

Now, for the purpose of attaining an end so desirable as that of rewarding individual instances of such distinguished service, We have instituted and created, and do by these presents for Us, Our heirs and successors, institute and create a new Indian Military decoration to be distinguished as hereinafter described, which We are desirous should be highly prized by Our Indian commissioned and non-commissioned officers and men, and We are graciously pleased to make, ordain, and establish the following rule and ordinance for the government of the same which shall henceforth be inviolably observed and kept.

Firstly.—It is ordained that the decoration shall henceforth be styled and designated the “Indian Distinguished Service Medal.”

Secondly.—It is ordained that the decoration shall be a silver medal of the same size as a war medal, having thereon Our effigy. On the reverse side a laurel wreath with the words “For distinguished service” in relief thereon.

Thirdly.—It is ordained that the medal shall be worn suspended from the left breast immediately on the right of all war medals, by a red ribbon  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inches wide, of the colour of the ribbon of the Order of British India, edged with blue, three-eighths of an inch wide, of the colour of the ribbon of the Indian Order of Merit.

Fourthly.—It is ordained that the regulations regarding the forfeiture of war medals shall apply to the medal hereby created.

Fifthly.—It is ordained that the power of conferring the medal upon an individual, or of depriving an individual to whom the medal has been granted of such medal, as provided in Article 4, shall be exercised on Our behalf by the Governor-General of India with the same force as if exercised by Us; and the name of an individual so granted the medal or deprived of the medal shall be published in the Official Gazette of India.

Given at Our Court at Saint James', this twenty-fifth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and seven, in the seventh year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

JOHN MORLEY.