

in a register which shall be kept in the office of Our Principal Secretary of State for War;

(e) That the Military Secretary to our Principal Secretary of State for War shall select from the list of registered candidates the names of those whom he considers to be most deserving to receive any annuities that may fall vacant;

(f) That a Regular Warrant Officer or Non-Commissioned Officer who is thus selected for the grant of a Meritorious Annuity shall also be awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, except that a candidate who is already in possession of the Meritorious Service Medal shall receive the annuity only;

(g) That a Meritorious Service annuity may be held in addition to ordinary pension, and in conjunction with any additional pension to which the annuitant may be entitled;

(h) That when a Meritorious Service annuitant is promoted to a Commission the annuity shall be surrendered, but he shall receive annually in lieu thereof pay equivalent to such annuity.

*Thirdly.*—It is ordained:—

(a) That the Meritorious Service Medal may be awarded to Warrant Officers Classes I. and II., non-commissioned officers and men of Our Military Forces who are duly recommended for the medal by a Commander-in-Chief for gallant conduct in the performance of military duty (not necessarily on active service) or in saving or attempting to save the life of an officer or soldier, or for devotion to duty in a theatre of war.

(b) That a Commander-in-Chief when recommending a soldier of Our Military Forces for the Meritorious Service Medal (or for a bar to the same under (e) of this clause) for gallant conduct shall record his opinion whether the case merits the grant of an additional pension—6*d.* a day for Europeans and 3*d.* a day for Non-Europeans—should the soldier be discharged with a pension;

(c) That the additional pension referred to in (b) of this clause may be awarded if the services are duly recommended by a Commander-in-Chief, and deemed to merit the additional pension; provided that this additional pension has not been previously awarded to the soldier;

(d) That in no circumstances shall the award of the Meritorious Service Medal for gallant conduct or devotion to duty carry with it any claim to the annuity granted under the second clause of this Our Royal Warrant;

(e) That should a soldier of any of Our Military Forces who has been awarded the Meritorious Service Medal (either with or without annuity) subsequently perform an approved act of gallantry (not necessarily on active service), in the performance of military duty or in saving or attempting to save the life of an officer or soldier, which, had he not already received the Meritorious Service Medal, would have rendered him eligible for it, may be awarded a Bar; and for every additional such act of gallantry an additional bar may be awarded.

(f) That any soldier of Our Regular Army who is granted the Meritorious Service Medal for gallant conduct or devotion to duty in accordance with the conditions laid

down in this clause of this Our Royal Warrant shall, if subsequently recommended and approved for an annuity in accordance with the second clause of this Our Royal Warrant, receive the annuity only. In such case he will receive the annuity as well as any additional pension which may have been awarded him under (c) of this clause.

(g) That soldiers of an Allied or Associated Army, of ranks equivalent to those of Our Military Forces specified in (a) of this clause, who have been associated in operations with Our Military Forces, shall be eligible for the award of the Meritorious Service Medal, but no annuity or additional pension shall accompany such awards; and

(h) That a Register of the Recipients of the Meritorious Service Medal (and bars) awarded under this clause shall be kept in the office of Our Principal Secretary of State for War, but such Register shall be separate and distinct from the Register referred to under (d) of the second clause of this Our Royal Warrant.

*Fourthly.*—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer the Meritorious Service Medal without annuity under the third clause of this Our Royal Warrant shall be published in the *London Gazette*.

*Fifthly.*—It is ordained that the Meritorious Service Medal shall be worn after 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 riband of one inch and a quarter in width, which shall in colour be crimson with white edges, and a white line down the centre.

*Sixthly.*—It is ordained:—

(1) That if a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal suffers death by sentence of Court-Martial; or, being an officer is cashiered, dismissed or removed from our Military Forces for misconduct; or being a soldier is discharged from Our Military Forces with ignominy, or for misconduct, or on account of a conviction by the Civil Power, or for having been sentenced to penal servitude; he shall forfeit the Meritorious Service Medal (unless otherwise recommended by Our Army Council);

(2) That if a recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal is convicted by the Civil Power or is dealt with under the Probation of Offenders Act, 1907, he shall be liable to a like forfeiture at the discretion of Our Army Council;

(3) That the forfeiture of the Meritorious Service Medal shall involve—

(a) The erasure of the recipient's name from the register of persons upon whom the Meritorious Service Medal has been conferred, and

(b) the cessation of any annuity or pension to which the possession of the medal might entitle the recipient; but no such forfeiture shall extend to any sum of money which has been already paid;

(4) That a forfeited Meritorious Service Medal and any forfeited annuity or pension attaching to it, may be restored to its former holder under regulations approved by Our Army Council;

PROVIDED that We, Our Heirs and Successors, shall at all times have power to