

9. The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury reserve the right of rejecting any Tenders.

Treasury Chambers,  
6th September 1940.

*Whitehall, September 6, 1940.*

The KING has been pleased to issue a Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual to the following effect:—

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE SIXTH, 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 His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh in consideration of the good services rendered by officers of the Constabulary Forces and by persons serving in Fire Brigades within His Dominions and in Territories under His Protection or Jurisdiction and the heroic acts of courage and instances of conspicuous devotion to duty of such persons, and being desirous of distinguishing such meritorious conduct by some mark of His Royal Favour did by Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual dated the 7th July 1909 institute a new Medal to be awarded for such services as aforesaid:

And whereas We are desirous of further amending the aforesaid Warrant which was amended by subsequent Warrants under the Royal Sign Manual bearing date respectively the 3rd October 1916, the 1st October 1930, the 12th December 1933, the 25th May 1936 and the 15th December 1936, We are graciously pleased to make, ordain and establish the following Statutes for the governance of the said Decoration:

“*Firstly.*—It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled ‘The King’s Police and Fire Services Medal.’

*Secondly.*—It is ordained that the King’s Police and Fire Services Medal shall consist of a circular Medal of Silver with the effigy of the Sovereign on the obverse, and shall bear on the reverse a design emblematic of Protection from danger and the words ‘For Gallantry’ or ‘For Distinguished Service’ as the case may be and on the rim the name of the person to whom the Medal has been awarded.

*Thirdly.*—It is ordained that the Medal shall only be awarded to those of Our Faithful Subjects and Others who have either performed acts of exceptional courage and skill or exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty as members of a recognized Police or Fire Service within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland our Indian Empire Burma or any of Our Colonies or any territory under Our protection or jurisdiction not being administered by Us in Our Government in any other part of Our Dominions; or within any other part of Our Dominions Our Government whereof has signified its

desire that the Medal should be awarded under the provisions of this Our Warrant to members of any such Service within such part, or within any territory under Our protection or jurisdiction being administered by Us in such Government; and that such award shall be made only on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department.

*Fourthly.*—It is ordained that the names of those upon whom We may be pleased to confer this Decoration 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 the Home Department. Such Register shall show the name and rank of the person holding the Medal, the Police or Fire Service of which he is or was a member, and particulars of the action for which the Medal has been awarded.

*Fifthly.*—It is ordained that each Medal shall be suspended from the left breast, and the riband, of an inch and three-eighths in width, shall be dark blue with a narrow silver stripe on either side and a similar silver stripe in the middle; and in the case of awards for acts of exceptional courage each silver stripe of the riband shall contain a thin red line down the middle.

*Sixthly.*—It is ordained that any act of gallantry which is worthy of recognition by the award of the King’s Police and Fire Services Medal, but is performed by one upon whom the Decoration has already been conferred, may, on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for the Home Department, be recorded by a Bar attached to the riband by which the Medal is suspended. For every such additional act an additional Bar may be added and for each Bar awarded a small silver rose shall be added to the riband when worn alone.

*Seventhly.*—It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors by an Order under Our Sign Manual and on a recommendation to that effect by or through one of Our Principal Secretaries of State to cancel and annul the award to any person of the above Decoration and that thereupon his name in the Register shall be erased. Provided that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to restore any Decoration which may have been so forfeited when such recommendation has been withdrawn. And every person to whom the said Decoration is awarded shall, before receiving the same, enter into an agreement to return the Medal if his name shall be erased as aforesaid.

*Eighthly.*—It is ordained that Our Secretary of State for the Home Department may make regulations for the carrying into effect of this Our Royal Warrant.”

All previous Warrants issued in this behalf are hereby revoked except in so far as they are already revoked.

Given at Our Court at Saint James’s the twentieth day of August 1940 in the Fourth Year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty’s Command.

JOHN ANDERSON.