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Westminster, 24th August 1945.

This day the Royal Assent was given by Commission to the following Act:—

Local Elections (Service Abroad) Act, 1945.

## KING'S MEDAL FOR COURAGE IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM.

ROYAL WARRANT.

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 We have taken into Our Royal consideration the many Acts of courage performed by foreign persons, both male and female, in furtherance of the interests of the British Commonwealth in the Allied cause, during the war, and whereas We are desirous of honouring certain of those who perform or have performed such deeds:

We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors institute and create a new Medal.

*First:* It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled "The King's Medal for Courage in the Cause of Freedom."

*Secondly:* It is ordained that the Medal shall be circular in form, but that the preparation of a design and the manufacture of the Medal shall be postponed for the time being.

*Thirdly:* It is ordained that the Medal is intended to be worn by recipients on the left breast suspended from a ribbon one-and-a-quarter inches in width, of white, with broad red stripes at each edge and at the centre two narrow blue stripes separated by a narrow white stripe.

It is also ordained that when awards are made the ribbon shall be issued to recipients.

*Fourthly:* It is ordained that the persons eligible for the Medal shall be civilians of foreign nationality, male or female, upon whom We may think fit to confer the honour.

It is also ordained that foreign persons in military service, male or female, shall be eligible for the Medal provided that they are recommended for special services outside the scope of normal military duties.

*Fifthly:* It is ordained that awards shall be made only on a recommendation to Us, for civilians by Our Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and for Officers and members of foreign military forces by Our First Lord of the Admiralty, Our Secretary of State for War, or Our Secretary of State for Air, as the case may be, or, in the case of any of Our Dominions, the Government whereof shall so desire, by the appropriate Minister of State for the said Dominion.

*Sixthly:* It is ordained that the Medal shall be awarded only for acts of courage entailing risk to life or for service entailing dangerous work in hazardous circumstances, in furtherance of the Allied cause during the war, and shall be granted without distinction of status or rank.

*Seventhly:* It is ordained that the names of all those

upon whom We may be pleased to confer or bestow the Medal, shall be recorded in a Register in Our Treasury.

*Eighthly:* 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 Our Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, Our First Lord of the Admiralty, Our Secretary of State for War, or Our Secretary of State for Air, as may be appropriate, or, in the case of any of Our Dominions, the Government whereof shall so desire, the appropriate Minister of State for the said Dominion, to cancel and annul the award to any person of the King's Medal for Courage in the Cause of Freedom and that thereupon the name of such person in the Register shall be erased: provided that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to restore the award so forfeited when such recommendation has been withdrawn.

*Lastly:* We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting, or dispensing with these rules and ordinances, or any part thereof, by a notification under Our Sign Manual.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the twenty-third day of August one thousand nine hundred and forty-five, in the ninth year of Our Reign.

By His Majesty's Command,

C. R. ATLEE.

## KING'S MEDAL FOR SERVICE IN THE CAUSE OF FREEDOM.

ROYAL WARRANT.

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 We have taken into Our Royal consideration the many Services performed by foreign persons, both male and female, in furtherance of the interests of the British Commonwealth in the Allied cause during the war,

And whereas We are desirous of honouring certain of those who perform or have performed such Services, We do by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors institute and create a new Medal.

*First:* It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled "The King's Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom."

*Secondly:* It is ordained that the Medal shall be circular in form, but that the preparation of a design and the manufacture of the Medal shall be postponed for the time being.

*Thirdly:* It is ordained that the Medal is intended to be worn by recipients on the left breast suspended from a ribbon one and-a-quarter inches in width, of white, with a narrow red stripe at the centre and a narrow blue stripe on each side.