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*Foreign Office,
September 18, 1915.*

With reference to the notification which appeared in the London Gazette of May 22nd, 1914, it is hereby announced that the King has been pleased to approve of the following amendments of the Regulations governing the acceptance and wearing of foreign decorations by His Majesty's subjects:—

(a) Regulations applicable to Persons in the Service of the Crown.

The following paragraph has been added to Rule 3:—

“In the case of decorations awarded in recognition of services under the Red Cross, permission will only be granted where such services have been rendered in a war in which the Empire has itself been engaged, and by persons serving under one of the officially recognised British voluntary aid societies or under similar societies of Allied States duly recognised by the Governments of those States.”

Rule 11 now reads as follows:—

“The King's unrestricted permission to accept and wear a Foreign Medal will only be given in the case of a Foreign Medal conferred by the Head or Government of a Foreign State

for saving or attempting to save life at sea or on land.

“In the case of Medals for Red Cross services, permission will only be granted subject to the fulfilment of the conditions laid down in Rule 3 above.”

(b) Regulations applicable to Persons not in the Service of the Crown.

The following paragraph has been added to Rule 3:—

“Red Cross services will only be regarded as ‘valuable’ for the purposes of these Regulations when they have been rendered in a war in which the Empire has itself been engaged, and by persons serving under one of the officially recognised British voluntary aid societies or under similar societies of Allied States duly recognised by the Governments of those States.”

Rule 12 now reads as follows:—

“Medals for saving or attempting to save life at sea or on land conferred on behalf of the Head or Government of a Foreign State may be accepted without His Majesty's special permission, and may be worn at Court.

“In the case of Medals for Red Cross services, permission will only be granted subject to the fulfilment of the conditions laid down in Rule 3, paragraph 3, above.”