

the following rules and ordinances in substitution for the same, which shall from henceforth be inviolably observed and kept:—

*Firstly*: It is ordained that the Cross shall be designated "The Military Cross."

*Secondly*: It is ordained that The Military Cross shall consist of a Cross of Silver having on each arm the Imperial Crown, and bearing in the centre the Royal and Imperial Cipher.

*Thirdly*: It is ordained that The Military Cross may be awarded to a Captain, a Commissioned Officer of a lower grade, or a Warrant Officer, Class I or II, in any of Our Military Forces, and that The Military Cross shall be awarded only to Commissioned Officers and Warrant Officers of the above ranks for gallant and distinguished services in action, on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for War. Officers not above the substantive rank of Captain who hold the acting or temporary rank of Major, and acting or temporary Chaplains to the Forces 3rd Class, shall also be eligible.

*Fourthly*: It is ordained that Officers and Warrant Officers of equivalent ranks and grades to those above-mentioned in any of Our Air Forces may be awarded The Military Cross for gallant and distinguished services in action on the ground, on a recommendation to Us by Our Principal Secretary of State for War.

*Fifthly*: It is ordained that Foreign Officers of equivalent ranks and grades to those above-mentioned who have been associated in Operations with Our Military Forces, or with Our Air Forces, shall be eligible for award of The Military Cross.

*Sixthly*: It is ordained that anyone who, after having performed services for which The Military Cross is awarded, subsequently performs an approved act of gallantry in action which, if he had not received the Cross, would have rendered him eligible for it, shall be awarded a Bar to be attached to the riband by which the Cross is suspended, and for every additional such act an additional Bar may be added.

*Seventhly*: It is ordained that:—

(1) a Warrant Officer, Class I or II, of any of Our Military or Air Forces who has been awarded The Military Cross shall be paid a gratuity of £20 on promotion to a Commission, or on transfer to Our Army or Air Force Reserve, or on discharge without pension;

(2) a Warrant Officer, Class I or II, of any of Our Military or Air Forces who has been awarded The Military Cross and who is discharged with a pension shall be eligible for an additional pension of 6*d.* a day if European (other than Maltese) and 3*d.* a day if non-European or Maltese, provided that he is not already in receipt of such additional pension;

(3) where a Warrant Officer who comes under sub-paragraph (1) of this Clause is awarded a Bar or Bars to The Military Cross each Bar shall for the purposes of gratuity be regarded as an original award of the Decoration, but no

gratuity or further addition to pension shall be issuable in respect of a Bar or Bars to a Warrant Officer who comes under sub-paragraph (2) of this Clause; and

(4) awards of The Military Cross to officers of an Allied or Associated Army or Air Force which may be granted under the fifth clause of this Our Warrant, shall not entitle the recipient to any pension or gratuity in respect thereof.

*Eighthly*: 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 War.

*Ninthly*: It is ordained that The Military Cross shall be worn before Medals in such position in regard to other Decorations as We may from time to time assign to it, and shall be worn on the left breast pendent from a riband of one inch and three-eighths in width, which shall be in colour white with a purple stripe—watered.

*Tenthly*: It is ordained that The Military Cross shall not confer any individual precedence, but shall entitle the recipient to the addition after his name of the letters M.C.

*Eleventhly*: It is ordained that reproductions of the Cross in miniature which may be worn on certain occasions by those to whom the Decoration is awarded shall be half the size of The Military Cross and that a Sealed Pattern of the said Miniature Cross shall be deposited and kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

*Twelfthly*: It is ordained that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by an Order under Our Sign Manual and on the recommendation to that effect by or through Our Principal Secretary of State for War to cancel and annul the award of The Military Cross to any person together with any gratuity, or pension in lieu thereof, appertaining thereto not already paid, and that thereupon his name in the Register shall be erased; but that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, to restore the Decoration when such recommendation has been withdrawn and with it such gratuity, or pension in lieu thereof, as may have been forfeited.

*Thirteenthly*: It is ordained that notice of cancellation or restoration in every case shall be published in the London Gazette.

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

Given at Our Court at *St. James's*, this fifth day of *February*, in the 21st year of Our Reign, and in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one.

By His Majesty's Command,

*T. Shaw.*