

ing 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.

ROYAL WARRANT.

THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE MEDAL.

GEORGE R.I.

GEORGE THE FIFTH, 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 Her late Majesty, Queen Victoria, by a Warrant under Her Sign Manual, dated the 19th day of December, 1845, did ordain (a) that a certain sum of public money (£2,000) should be expended annually in awarding annuities of £20 to Serjeants of the Regular Army as a reward for their good, faithful and efficient service: (b) that the recipients of these annuities should be selected by the Commander-in-Chief of the Army: and (c) that the Serjeants so selected to receive the annuities should also receive The Meritorious Service Medal; and did by a Warrant dated the 10th day of June, 1884, apply the conditions of previous Warrants under Her Sign Manual regarding these Medals and annuities to all soldiers above the rank of Corporal:

And whereas the sum of £2,000 has been increased from time to time:

And whereas His late Majesty, King Edward VII, by a Warrant under His Sign Manual, dated the 31st day of August, 1906, did ordain that The Meritorious Service Medal without Annuity should be granted to such Yeomen of Our Body Guard not exceeding 12 in all, as would have been selected for the Medal with Annuity had they not belonged to Our Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard:

And whereas by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 12th day of July, 1911, We did ordain that The Meritorious Service Medal without Annuity should be granted to such pensioners, not exceeding 5 in all, as would have been selected for the Medal with Annuity had they not belonged to Our Yeomen Warders of the Tower:

And whereas by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 4th day of October, 1916, We did ordain that the grant of The Meritorious Service Medal should be extended to Non-Commissioned Officers and men in Our Military Forces below the rank of Serjeant for valuable and meritorious service; and by Our Warrant dated the 23rd day of November, 1916, We did institute a Bar or Bars which might be awarded to recipients of The

Meritorious Service Medal for subsequent approved acts of gallantry 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; and by Our Warrant dated the 3rd day of January, 1917, We did still further extend the conditions under which The Meritorious Service Medal might be awarded to soldiers in Our Military Forces who were duly recommended for acts of gallant conduct while performing military duty otherwise than in action or for devotion to duty in a theatre of war:

And whereas the said Warrants excluding the Warrants dated the 31st day of August, 1906, and the 12th day of July, 1911, were consolidated and varied by a Warrant under Our Sign Manual dated the 6th day of November, 1920:

And whereas by a Warrant under our Sign Manual dated the 7th day of September, 1928, We did ordain and appoint that the third and fourth rules and ordinances of Our Warrant dated the 6th day of November, 1920, should be cancelled and annulled:

And whereas We deem it expedient that all the aforesaid Warrants, as well as the amendments now to be promulgated, should be incorporated in one Warrant:

Now therefore We do hereby declare that the rules and ordinances contained in Our said Warrants dated the 31st day of August, 1906, the 12th day of July, 1911, and the 6th day of November, 1920, shall be abrogated, cancelled and annulled, and We are pleased to make, ordain and establish 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 Medal shall be of silver and designated "The Meritorious Service Medal" and shall bear on the obverse the Royal Effigy, and on the reverse the words "For Meritorious Service" encircled by a laurel wreath and surmounted by the Imperial Crown.

Secondly: It is ordained that:—

(a) a fixed sum of £7,500 part of the Public Monies for the upkeep of Our Army shall be devoted to the purpose of awarding Meritorious Service Annuities of not more than £10 in any one case;

(b) every Warrant Officer, Classes I and II, and every Non-Commissioned Officer above the rank of Corporal who has served with the Colours in Our Regular Army for 21 years, or who has been invalided from Our Regular Army after 18 years' Colour Service, shall be eligible to be considered for the grant of a Meritorious Service Annuity provided that he:—

(i) served in or above the rank of Serjeant in a Regular Unit;

(ii) is in possession of the Medal for long service and good conduct, and has been awarded, or is otherwise eligible for, an exemplary character on discharge; and

(iii) is duly recommended for the Annuity for good, faithful, valuable and meritorious service in respect of the whole period of his Army engagement, by the Commanding Officer of the last