

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.

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 services 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 Service 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. Attlee.

PURCHASE TAX.

The Treasury hereby give notice pursuant to the provisions of Section 20 of the Finance (No. 2) Act, 1940, that they propose to make an Order

directing that from a date to be specified therein Purchase Tax on copper domestic hollow-ware shall be reduced from 33½ per cent. to 16½ per cent. Traders are reminded that these goods remain liable at the rate of 33½ per cent. until the date to be specified in the Order and they will be accountable for tax accordingly.

Any representations which interested parties desire to make in regard to this proposal should be addressed in writing to:—

The Commissioners of Customs and Excise,
City Gate House,
Finsbury Square,
London, E.C.2.

not later than the 14th September, 1945.

Buckingham Palace, 24th August, 1945.

This day had Audience of The KING:—

His Excellency Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha, to present the letters of recall of his predecessor Hassan Nashat Pasha, and his own letters of credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from His Majesty the King of Egypt.

Whitehall, August 25, 1945.

The KING was pleased on Friday, the 24th instant, at Buckingham Palace, to confer the honour of Knighthood upon the undermentioned gentlemen:—

Lewis Thomas Casson, Esq., M.C.
William John Jenkins, Esq., C.I.E., Indian Agricultural Service, Director of Agriculture, Bombay.

[His Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on the 14th June, 1945.]

Hartley William Shawcross, Esq., K.C., M.P., His Majesty's Attorney General.

Major Frank Soskice, K.C., M.P., His Majesty's Solicitor General.

[His Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on the 16th August, 1945.]

Robert Archibald Cary, Esq., A Lord Commissioner of the Treasury, May-July, 1945. Member of Parliament for Eccles, 1935-1945.

Alan Patrick Herbert, Esq., M.P., Member of Parliament for Oxford University since 1935.

Captain Richard Pike Pim, V.D., R.N.V.R., Lately Supervisor of the Prime Minister's Defence Map Room and Head of the Upper War Room, Admiralty.

David Robertson, Esq., M.P., Member of Parliament for the Streatham Division of Wandsworth since 1939.

Brigadier-General Edward Pius Arthur Riddell, C.M.G., D.S.O., Chairman of the Hexham Conservative Association and of the Speaker's Election Committee.

[His Majesty's approval of these Knighthoods was signified on the 14th August, 1945.]

Whitehall, August 28, 1945.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint Major-General (local Lieutenant-General) Philip Neame, V.C., C.B., D.S.O., to be Lieutenant-Governor of Guernsey, as from the 25th instant.

Whitehall, August 28, 1945.

The KING has been pleased, by Warrant under His Majesty's Royal Sign Manual, to appoint Major-General (temporary Lieutenant-General) Sir Arthur Edward Grasett, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., to be Lieutenant-Governor of Jersey, as from the 25th instant.

Whitehall, August 28, 1945.

The KING has been pleased to give and grant unto Andrew McDowall, Esq., M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.S., His Majesty's Royal licence and authority to wear the Insignia of the Fourth Class (Civil Division) of the Order of Al Rafidain, which Decoration has been conferred upon him by His Majesty the King of Iraq in recognition of valuable services rendered by him in the capacity of Professor of Surgery at the Royal Iraqi College of Medicine.