

shall be carried out by the Government concerned but the Admiralty shall be informed.

Twelfthly: Names of recipients.—The name of a recipient shall be engraved or stamped on the rim of the Medal.

Thirteenthly: Order of Wear.—In the official list showing the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals shall be worn, the Polar Medal shall be placed after War Medals and before the Royal Victorian Medal.

Fourteenthly: Miniatures.—Reproductions of the Medal and Clasp in miniature, which may be worn on certain occasions by those upon whom the Medal and Clasp have been conferred, shall be half the size of the Polar Medal and Clasp respectively, and a sealed pattern of the said miniature Medal and Clasp shall be deposited and kept in the Central Chancery of Our Orders of Knighthood.

Fifteenthly: Date of application.—The terms of this Our Warrant shall apply to all qualifying service rendered since 1st January, 1943, exception being made in relation to any awards already granted.

Sixteenthly: Forfeiture and Restoration.—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 Our First Lord of the Admiralty, or in the case of any oversea Member country of Our Commonwealth, the Government whereof shall desire to submit such a recommendation, by the appropriate Minister of State for the said country, to cancel and annul the award to any person of the Medal and Clasp or Clasps, 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shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to restore the Medal so forfeited when such recommendation has been withdrawn.

Seventeenthly: Regulations.—It is ordained that the Medal and Clasp or Clasps shall be conferred under such regulations as to grant, forfeiture, restoration, and other matters, in amplification of this Our Warrant as may, with Our approval signified through Our First Lord of the Admiralty, be issued from time to time by Our Board of Admiralty, or as may with Our approval be issued by the appropriate Minister of State in any oversea Member country of the Commonwealth Our Government whereof shall so desire.

Lastly:—We reserve to Ourselves, Our Heirs and Successors, full power of annulling, 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 this 22nd day of January, 1954, in the second year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command,"

J. P. L. Thomas.

THE POLAR MEDAL.

REGULATIONS UNDER WHICH THE AWARD OF THE POLAR MEDAL MAY BE MADE.

Made under the terms of the Royal Warrant by the First Lord of the Admiralty, with the concurrence of the Governments of other Member countries of the Commonwealth, which desire to be in a position to make recommendations, and approved by The Queen.

(i) Eligibility.

In amplification of the basic principles set out in the Fourth Clause of the Royal Warrant, the following examples are furnished for guidance:—

(a) On land.

The members of parties which explore or acquire notable knowledge would be eligible. When a well-established site is manned for routine observations eligibility will be restricted to those based there who extend exploratory work in the field, although they may not travel extensively.

(b) At sea.

Crews of ships which carry out extensive cruises of exploration in severe conditions which may or may not have required wintering in the ice would be eligible.

(c) Aircraft.

Air crews, when they are based in the area and make flights of exploration, would be

eligible, as would also the ground crews (similarly based in the area) concerned in these flights. Exception may be made in favour of aircrews carrying out extensive exploratory flights which include landings within the qualifying area, although the base is outside it. A ground crew working from a well-established site would not be eligible.

(ii) Recommendations.

In amplification of the Fourth and Ninth Clauses of the Royal Warrant it may be stated that when an expedition has not been the responsibility of one or more Governments of Member countries of the Commonwealth, it would be appropriate for recommendations to the appropriate Commonwealth Government to be made by learned Societies or distinguished individuals who have examined the results, or have first-hand knowledge of the expedition's labours. A description of the expedition's achievements should be given together with the list of those persons who are recommended for award.

In relation to expeditions for which the United Kingdom Government are responsible, recommendations should be put before the Admiralty, that is to say, the Department making submissions to the Sovereign, by and only by, the United Kingdom Government Department responsible for the expedition.

When recommendations are made the names of persons otherwise qualified who, on account of misconduct or neglect of duty, are considered to merit disqualification, should be listed separately and the reasons given.

MARRIAGES VALIDITY (PROVISIONAL ORDERS) ACTS, 1905 AND 1924.

STATUTORY ORDERS (SPECIAL PROCEDURE) ACT, 1945, AND STATUTORY ORDERS (SPECIAL PROCEDURE) (SUBSTITUTION) ORDER, 1949.

Notice is hereby given in pursuance of subsection (1) of section 2 of the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) Act, 1945, that it is the intention of the Secretary of State to lay before Parliament The Marriages Validity (The Church of St. Catherine, Sleetburn) Order, 1954, made by him on the 14th May, 1954, under the Marriages Validity (Provisional Orders) Acts, 1905 and 1924, as adapted and modified by the Statutory Orders (Special Procedure) (Substitution) Order, 1949.

Home Office,
Whitehall.

15th May, 1954.

COAL MINES ACT, 1911.

COAL INDUSTRY ACT, 1949.

The Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that he has made the Coal Mines (Mechanics and Electricians) General Regulations, 1954—S.I. 1954 No. 594, copies of which may be purchased direct from H.M. Stationery Office at the following addresses:—York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2; 13a, Castle Street, Edinburgh 2; 39, King Street, Manchester 2; 2, Edmund Street, Birmingham 3; 1, St. Andrew's Crescent, Cardiff; Tower Lane, Bristol 1; 80, Chichester Street, Belfast; or through any bookseller.

Ministry of Fuel and Power,
Thames House South,
Millbank, London, S.W.1.

14th May, 1954.

PETROLEUM (PRODUCTION) ACT, 1934.

In pursuance of section 2 (3) of the Petroleum (Production) Act, 1934, the Minister of Fuel and Power hereby gives notice that in accordance with the provisions of that Act and the Petroleum (Production) Regulations, 1935, he has granted to D'Arcy Exploration Co. Ltd., Britannic House, Finsbury Circus, E.C.2, a new prospecting licence covering 153 square miles in the counties of Derby and Nottingham. A description of its boundaries was published in the London Gazette of 3rd May, 1949.

Maps showing boundaries of the area may be inspected on application to the Ministry of Fuel and Power, Petroleum Division, Thames House South, Millbank, S.W.1.

12th May, 1954.