

*Whitehall, June 4, 1954.*

The QUEEN has been pleased to issue a Warrant under Her Majesty's Royal Sign Manual in form following:—

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ELIZABETH THE SECOND, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of Our other Realms and Territories QUEEN, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, To all to whom these Presents shall come,

Greeting!

WHEREAS His late Majesty King Edward the Seventh in consideration of the good services rendered by officers of the Constabulary Forces and by persons serving in fire brigades within His Dominions and in Territories under His Protection or Jurisdiction and the heroic acts of courage and instances of conspicuous devotion to duty of such persons, and being desirous of distinguishing such meritorious conduct by some mark of His Royal Favour did by Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual dated the 7th July, 1909, institute a new Medal to be awarded for such services as aforesaid:

AND WHEREAS We are desirous of having separate Medals for members of fire services and for members of police forces We are graciously pleased to make, ordain, and establish the following Statutes for the governance of the Decoration to be awarded to members of fire services:

*Firstly*—It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled 'The Queen's Fire Service Medal'.

*Secondly*—It is ordained that the Medal shall consist of a circular Medal of Silver with the effigy of the Sovereign on the obverse, and shall bear on the reverse a design emblematic of protection from danger and the words 'For Gallantry' or 'For Distinguished Fire Service' as the case may be, and on the rim the name of the person to whom the Medal has been awarded.

*Thirdly*—It is ordained that the Medal shall be awarded only to those of Our Faithful Subjects and Others who have either performed acts of exceptional courage and skill at the cost of their lives, or exhibited conspicuous devotion to duty, as members of a recognised fire brigade or service within Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Our Channel Islands, Our Island of Man, any of Our Colonies or any territory under Our protection or jurisdiction not being administered by Us in Our Government in any other part of Our Commonwealth, or within any other part of Our Commonwealth Our Government whereof has signified its desire that the Medal should be awarded under the provisions of this Our Warrant to members of any such brigade or service within such part, or within any territory under Our protection or jurisdiction being administered by Us in such Government; and that such award shall be made only on a recommendation to Us by Our Secretary of State for the Home Department, or, in the case of a Member country

of Our Commonwealth other than Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the Government whereof shall so desire, by the appropriate Minister of State for that country.

*Fourthly*—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 Secretary of State for the Home Department, or, in the case of a Member country of Our Commonwealth other than Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the Government whereof shall so desire, of the appropriate Minister of State for that country. Such Register shall show the name and rank of the person holding the Medal, the brigade or service of which that person is or was a member and the circumstances in which the Medal has been awarded.

*Fifthly*—It is ordained that the Medal shall be suspended from the left breast, and the riband, of an inch and three eighths in width, shall be red with a narrow yellow stripe on either side and a similar yellow stripe in the middle; and in the case of awards for acts of exceptional courage each yellow stripe of the riband shall contain a thin dark blue line down the middle.

*Sixthly*—It is ordained that any act of gallantry worthy of recognition by the award of The Queen's Fire Service Medal which is performed by one upon whom the Decoration or either of its predecessors (namely The King's Police Medal and The King's Police and Fire Services Medal) has already been conferred may, on a recommendation to Us by Our Secretary of State for the Home Department, or, in the case of a Member country of Our Commonwealth other than Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the Government whereof shall so desire, the appropriate Minister of State for that country, be recorded by a Bar attached to the riband by which the Medal is suspended.

*Seventhly*—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 Secretary of State for the Home Department, or, in the case of a Member country of Our Commonwealth other than Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland the Government whereof shall so desire, the appropriate Minister of State for that country, to cancel and annul the award to any person of the above Decoration or either of its predecessors and that thereupon the name of that person in the Register shall be erased. Provided that it shall be competent for Us, Our Heirs and Successors to restore any Decoration which may have been so forfeited when such recommendation has been withdrawn. And every person to whom the Decoration is awarded for distinguished service shall, before receiving the same, enter into an agreement to return the Medal if his or her name shall be erased as aforesaid.

*Eighthly*—It is ordained that Our Secretary of State for the Home Department, or,