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THE GEORGE CROSS

ROYAL WARRANT

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

GREETING!

Whereas by a Warrant dated the twenty-fourth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and forty, Our Royal Parent King George the Sixth did institute and create a Decoration known as "The George Cross".

And whereas by Warrants dated the eighth of May, one thousand nine hundred and forty-one and the seventeenth of October, one thousand nine hundred and forty-two, King George the Sixth did amend the original Warrant.

And whereas by a Warrant dated the ninth of April, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four We did amend the original Warrant.

And whereas We deem it expedient that provision should be made for payment of an annuity to those living recipients of the George Cross who fall to be in this matter a responsibility of the United Kingdom Government.

Now therefore We by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, are graciously pleased to make, ordain and establish the following rules and ordinances for the governance of the same which shall from henceforth be inviolably observed and kept.

Fourteenthly: It is ordained that every living recipient of the George Cross, who falls to be in this matter a responsibility of the United Kingdom Government, shall from the first day of April, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five,

be entitled to a special pension of one hundred pounds a year, for life, and that subsequently such recipients of the George Cross shall be entitled to the special pension from the date of the act by which the Decoration has been gained, and for life.

Fifteenthly: It is ordained that should a recipient of the George Cross die before he has received a total of fifty pounds in respect of the special pension of one hundred pounds a year which is payable to holders of the George Cross by the United Kingdom Government, there should be credited to his estate a sum equal to the balance needed to complete fifty pounds. It is also ordained that when the George Cross is awarded posthumously and the matter is a responsibility of the United Kingdom Government, the sum of fifty pounds should be credited to the estate of the deceased recipient of the award.

Sixteenthly: It is ordained that, subject to such exceptions as We, Our Heirs and Successors may ordain, a citizen of a Member Country of the Commonwealth Overseas to whom the George Cross may be awarded, shall receive such special pension as may be provided from the revenues of that Country under regulations made by the said Country.

And it is Our Will and Pleasure that these Clauses shall be taken and received as part and parcel of the Warrant for the said George Cross.

Given at Our Court at St. James's, the nineteenth day of May one thousand nine hundred and sixty-five, in the fourteenth year of Our Reign.

By Her Majesty's Command.

Harold Wilson.

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