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THE GEORGE MEDAL
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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 Father, His late Majesty King George the Sixth did institute and create a Decoration known as "The George Medal".

AND WHEREAS Our Royal Father did by Warrant dated the seventeenth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and forty-two make certain alterations to the said rules and ordinances; and whereas We, by a Warrant under Our Royal Sign Manual dated the ninth day of April, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-four, did make such further alterations as We deemed necessary:

AND WHEREAS We deem it expedient that certain alterations should be made in the existing Warrant.

Now, Therefore, We do hereby declare that the rules and ordinances contained in the said Warrants shall be abrogated, cancelled and annulled, and We, by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, are graciously 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:

First: It is ordained that the Medal shall be designated and styled "The George Medal".

Secondly: It is ordained that the Medal shall be circular in form and in silver, that it shall bear on the obverse the Crowned Effigy of the Sovereign, and on the reverse a representation of St. George slaying the Dragon on the coast of England, the design being circumscribed by the words "The George Medal".

Thirdly: It is ordained that the persons eligible for the Medal shall be:

- (1) Our faithful subjects and persons under Our protection in civil life of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of Our Dependent Territories and Associated States, or Territories under Our Jurisdiction jointly with another power, or under Our Suzerainty or Protection;
- (2) Persons of any rank in the Naval, Military or Air Forces of Our United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, of Our Dependent Territories and Associated States, or Territories under Our Jurisdiction jointly with another power, or under Our Suzerainty or Protection, and including also the military Nursing Services and the Women's Auxiliary Services;
- (3) Our faithful subjects and persons under Our protection in civil life within and members of the Naval, Military or Air Forces belonging to, any Member country of the Commonwealth, other than our United Kingdom, the Government whereof has signified its desire that the Medal should be awarded under the provisions of this Our Warrant, and any Territory being administered by Us in such Government.

The Medal is intended primarily for civilians and award in Our military services is to be confined to actions for which purely military Honours are not normally granted.

Fourthly: It is ordained that awards shall be made only on a recommendation to Us, for civilians by Our Prime Minister and First Lord of the Treasury, and for members of Our Naval, Military or Air Forces only on a recommendation by the Secretary of State for Defence, or, in the case of any Member of the Commonwealth, other than Our United Kingdom, the Government whereof shall so desire by the appropriate Minister of State for the said Commonwealth country.

Fifthly: It is ordained that this Medal shall be awarded only for acts of great bravery and that the Medal may be awarded posthumously.