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THE VICTORIA 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 His late Majesty King George V, by a Warrant under His Royal Sign Manual dated the fifth day of February, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-one was pleased to make, ordain and establish rules and ordinances for the governance of the Decoration of The Victoria Cross reserving to Himself, His Heirs and Successors full power of annulling, altering, abrogating, augmenting, interpreting or dispensing with those rules and ordinances or any part thereof, by a notification under Royal Sign Manual;

AND WHEREAS the provisions of the said Warrant were amended by Warrants under the Royal Sign Manual of His late Majesty King George VI from time to time;

AND WHEREAS by Warrant dated the thirtieth day of September, one thousand nine hundred and

sixty-one We did abrogate, cancel and annul the said original Warrant;

AND WHEREAS We deem it expedient to amend the Twelfth Clause of Our aforesaid Warrant;

NOW, THEREFORE, We do hereby declare that the Twelfth Clause of Our aforesaid Warrant shall be abrogated, cancelled and annulled and in substitution thereof We, by these Presents for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, are graciously pleased to make, ordain and establish the following rules and ordinances which shall henceforth be inviolably observed and kept:

Twelfthly: It is ordained that every recipient of the Decoration, who falls to be in this matter a responsibility of the United Kingdom Government, shall from the seventeenth day of August, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-five, be entitled to a special pension of one thousand three hundred pounds a year, for life. The said special pension shall be in substitution for any special pension in respect of the Decoration which was previously in issue.

Subsequently such recipients of the Victoria Cross shall be entitled to the special pension from the date of the act by which the Decoration has been gained, and for life.

It is further ordained that recipients of the said special pension may, at the wish of the recipient,