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Note for the Prime Minister

George Cross and Medal

1. By P.C. 3445, May 15, 1941, provision was made to place the award of the George Cross and Medal upon the same footing as other decorations in order that revisions of procedure covering decorations generally might apply in the same manner to the George Cross and Medal.
2. The basic Order-in-Council setting forth procedure to be followed in awards is P.C. 1340, April 9, 1940, and it contemplated that awards might be made:
 - (a) By the King
 - (b) By the Governor General in the name of the King pursuant to procedure approved by the King.
3. The submission to the King with regard to the George Cross and Medal followed the Order-in-Council and contained the following paragraph:

That, in determining whether awards of the George Cross and George Medal are to be made by His Majesty the King upon the recommendation of the Governor in Council or by His Excellency the Governor General, in the name of His Majesty the King, upon the recommendation of the Governor in Council, the same rules and principles may be