BRUNSWICK.

THE ORDER OF HENRY THE LION,

Was founded by the present reigning Duke William on the 25th April, 1834. The object is given in the introductory remark of the patent, 'to reward those who have distinguished themselves in our service, military or civil, in war, or the arts and sciences.' No regard is, therefore, had in the distribution, to birth, rank, or religion, except in the higher classes, when a previous possession of a Knightly cross is required.

The Order consists of four classes, Knights of the Grand Cross, Commanders first and second classes, and Knights. The reigning Dukes of Brunswick are Grand Masters.

The badge consists of a golden octagonal Cross, enamelled bright blue, with gold balls at the points and with a red middle, bearing on the obverse the helmet of the Brunswick Arms so as to allow it to rest upon the lower wing of the Cross, while the crowned pillar with the galloping horse, together with the two sickles, are placed in the centre; the feathers of the peacock are represented upon the right and left wings, and its tail, together with the star, upon the upper wing of the Cross. Above the Cross is a gold lion passant between two laurel branches covered with the Brunswick crown, while between the wings of the Cross is a gold W also covered with the crown. The reverse has in the red centre, the motto of the Order in gold

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letters, 'Immota Fides' (Immutable faith), encompassed by a golden ring, with the year of the foundation MDCCCXXXIV. The front of the Order is seen Plate 22, Tab. I. No. 3, and the reverse No. 4.

It is worn in different sizes, suspended by a deep red ribbon (of equally different widths) with narrow yellow stripes, by the Knights of the Grand Cross across the left shoulder towards the right hip, by the Commanders round the neck, and by the Knights at the button hole. The first two classes have besides the following insignia, as special distinctions, an octagonal star with silver rays encompassing the golden bright blue enamelled Cross of the decoration, while the centre shows a golden W. covered with the crown, as also a red ring with the motto of the Order in golden letters, which is worn by the Knights of the Grand Cross upon the left breast (Tab. I. No. 1). The Commanders of the first class wear, likewise, upon the left breast an octagonal silver Cross, between the wings of which is the gold W equally covered with the ducal crown (Tab. I. No. 2), while the red centre bears the motto of the Order in gold letters, encompassed by a gold ring with the date of the foundation of the Order in it.

The Knights of the Grand Cross are, moreover, allowed to wear, on high gala days, their decorations round the neck by a gold chain, the links of which consist of three parts; of the escutcheon surrounded by flags with the two fields of Brunswick and Lüneburg, of two golden lions pacing towards the escutcheon, and of the centre of the star of the Knights of the Grand Cross (Tab. I. No. 5).

Equal to this Order and connected with it, was founded the

CROSS OF MERIT,

which is divided into two classes, gold and silver, and is worn suspended by the same ribbon as that of the previous

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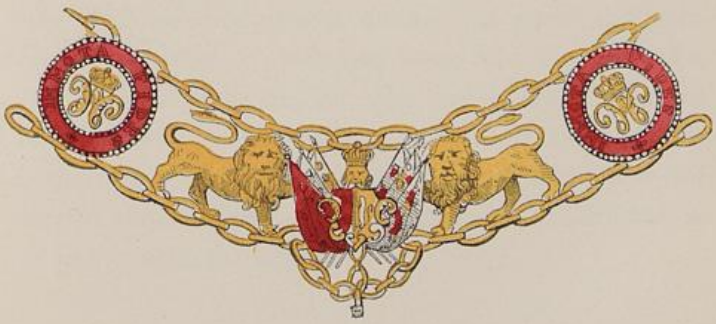

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Hurst and Blackett, London. 1838.

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Order, Henry the Lion. Each corner of the gold Cross is filled with a green oaken wreath, but not so the silver. The centre of both contains a W with the crown, and upon the wings are distributed the words, 'Immota Fides' (Tab. I. No. 6). The nomination to the previous Order, precludes the wearing of the present cross.

Besides this Order, Brunswick possesses a variety of decorations and medals of merit, mostly military. We give them here in chronological order of their foundation.

1. *Waterloo Medal* (Plate 23, Tab. II. No. 11) was founded by the Prince Regent of Great Britain, George, as guardian of the minor Princes of Brunswick, on the 11th June, 1818, 'for the perpetual remembrance'—as the patent says—'of the campaign of 1815, and the glorious distinction with which the Brunswick corps has participated in it.' The medal was cast from the captured guns of the enemy, and bears on the front the effigy of Duke Frederick William, who fell at the battle of Quatre Bras on the 16th June, 1815; the reverse shows within a laurel oak wreath, the date 1815, with the legend, 'Braunschweig seinen Kriegern—Quatre-Bras und Waterloo' (Brunswick to her warriors—Quatre-Bras and Waterloo). Upon the edge of the medal is engraved the christian and family name, and the character which the owner bore during that campaign, and more especially during the battles of Quatre-Bras and Waterloo. It was presented to all men of the Brunswick corps who had either taken direct part in the campaign, from 15th June to 7th July, 1815, or were present during that period and given assistance to the former, including even field chaplains, &c. Also the heirs of those soldiers who had either fallen in the field or died subsequently, received in memory of the dead this medal, which is worn by all classes suspended by a yellow and blue striped ribbon about six inches long, at the third button hole, or near it upon the left side.

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2. *The decoration of Honour for the campaign of the year* 1809, (Tab. II. No. 9), was originally instituted by Duke Charles II. on the 30th October, 1824, for the yet living soldiers in the Brunswick service who had followed the Duke Frederick William in 1809, from Bohemia to England; but was afterwards distributed, also, amongst those of them who were no longer in the Brunswick service.

It consists for officers, of a gold, and for sub-officers and privates of a bronze Cross, surrounded by a laurel and oak wreath. The year 1809 stands in the centre of the front bearing upon the wings the words, 'Für Treue und Tapferkeit' (For loyalty and valour), the reverse shows the Brunswick white steed, and in the centre and upon the wings originally the name, 'Karl Friedrich August Wilhelm,' and since his expulsion, the name of the present reigning Duke. The Cross is worn upon the left breast, suspended by a sky blue watered ribbon.

3. *The medal of Honour for the Spanish-Portuguese Campaign.*— The troops which came over to England with Duke Frederick William in 1809, formed, it is well known, the nucleus of the contingent which England lent to Spain and Portugal in the War of Independence against Napoleon, and which took part in nearly all the battles fought in the Peninsula from 1810 to 1814. Duke Charles II. founded also for these troops (30th October, 1824) a medal of honour (Tab. II. No. 10), for officers in silver, and for sub-officers and men in bronze. It is worn upon the left breast, suspended by a crimson red ribbon; the front shows the word, 'Peninsula,' encompassed by a laurel wreath, while the reverse exhibits within a scutcheon, two C's in monogram (the initial of the founder). As may be supposed, the medal is possessed by nearly all the owners of No. 2.

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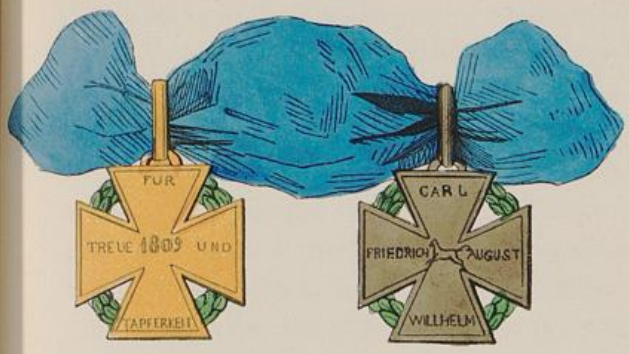

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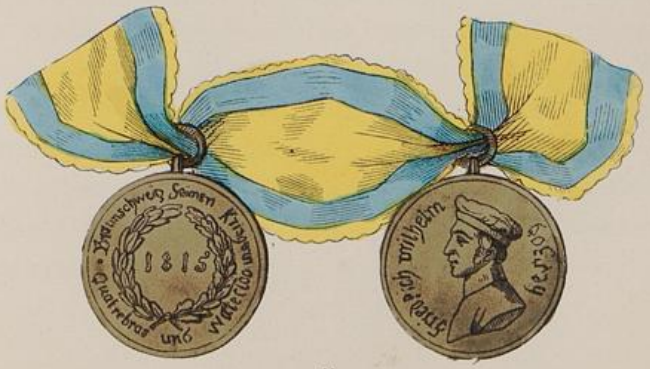

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4. *The Medal of Civil Merit.*—This medal was founded by Duke Charles II. in the first year of his reign, as was, also,

5. *The Medal of Military Merit*, founded by him towards the end of his reign to complete the former. But as the first was presented only to three civil officers, and the latter only to two military officers, both can hardly be ranked amongst the really existing Orders or decorations. Both medals were in silver, and worn at the button-hole suspended by a sky blue watered ribbon with a very narrow white border.

6. *Crosses for twenty to twenty-five years' military service*, (Tab. II. Nos. 7 and 8).—This, together with some other decorations connected with it, were founded by Duke William, 1st April, 1833. Officers and military officials with that rank, who have served honourably twenty-five years or more, receive a gold cross with purple red chevrons, the white centre of which contains on the front a W with the crown, and on the reverse the number twenty-five. It is worn suspended by a royal blue ribbon with similar borders upon the left breast. It can only be claimed by those who are on active service on the nomination day, which is the 25th April of each year. The Brunswick army counts now forty-five owners of this decoration. A similar cross of silver was also founded for sub-officers and soldiers for twenty-five and twenty years' uninterrupted and irreproachable service. The centre of the Cross represents on the front a W with the crown, and the reverse the number twenty-five or twenty; it is likewise worn on the left breast by a royal blue ribbon, but with yellow borders. That for twenty-five years service has its centre surrounded by rays. The first twelve oldest owners of the twenty-five years' cross receive a monthly increase of their pay of one Thaler (3s. 6d.), all the others (not exceeding thirty-six in number) twelve Groschen (1s. 6d.) With the retirement from service the increase ceases.

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There are, besides, decorations for fifteen and ten years good service, consisting of silver and iron bolts or buckles, and with the same impressions and ribbons as the former. They are equally worn on the left breast.

7. *The Saving Medal* (Tab. II. No. 12).—It was founded on the 25th April, 1836, and is presented to those who have saved the life of a fellow creature at the risk of their own. The medal is of silver, and contains on the obverse a W upon a scutcheon covered with the ducal crown, borne by lions and surrounded by flags, with the legend, 'Ehrenzeichen, gestiftet am 25th April, 1836' (Decoration of honour, founded on the 25th April, 1836). The reverse shows the Goddess Victoria, pointing with her right to a wreath of stars, and bearing in her left a palm wreath with the legend, 'Müthiger Thaten ehrender Lohn' (Honourable reward for courageous deeds). The medal is worn suspended by a green ribbon.

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