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ACT
OF 4 APRIL 1892, No. 55 TO INSTITUTE THE
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AS AMENDED BY THE ACTS OF 10 FEBRUARY 1910,
STATUTE BOOK No. 56,
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OF 21 MARCH 1923,
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IN THE NAME OF HIS MAJESTY KING WILHELMINA
BY THE GRACE OF GOD, QUEEN OF THE
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Pursuant to Article 70 of the Constitution

Now, therefore, having consulted the Council of State,
and in common consultation with the States-General, have
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Article 1

There shall be instituted an Order intended to the honorable
distinction of Our subjects who have distinguished
regularly well of the Crown or Society



IN THE NAME OF HER MAJESTY WILHELMINA,
BY THE GRACE OF GOD QUEEN OF THE
NETHERLANDS, PRINCESS OF ORANGE-NASSAU,
ETC. ETC. ETC.,

WE, EMMA, QUEEN-DOWAGER, REGENT OF THE
KINGDOM,

To all to whom these presents do, may or shall come,
Greeting! Be it known:

AS WE HAVE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION
that it is desirable to augment the occasion for
granting honorific orders of distinction;

Pursuant to Article 66 of the Constitution;

Now, therefore, having consulted the Council of State,
and in common consultation with the States-General, have
determined to provide as follows:

Article 1

There shall be instituted an Order, intended to the honorific
distinction of Our subjects or foreigners who have deserved
singularly well of Us and the State or Society.

Article 2

This Order shall bear the name of „Order of Orange-Nassau”.

Article 3

The Grand Mastership of this Order shall be inseparably united with the Crown of the Netherlands.

Article 4

This Order shall consist of five classes, and a medal of honour shall be attached to it.

Article 5

All members of this Order shall be nominated by Royal Decree.

Article 6

The Knights of the first class of this Order shall bear the name of Grand Crosses; those of the second class shall bear the name of Grand Officers; those of the third class shall bear the name of Commanders; those of the fourth class shall bear the name of Officers, and those of the fifth class shall only bear the name of Knights.

Article 7

The insignia of this Order shall consist of a Cross with eight beaded points and a continuous laurel wreath between the arms and capped by a Royal Crown, all this made of gold for the first four classes and of silver for the fifth class; the arms of the cross are white enamelled with a blue enamelled heart; in the centre of the cross there is a blue enamelled round shield, surrounded by a white enamelled circular band, both bordered with gold, the round shield bearing on the obverse side the Lion, as it appears in the coat of arms of the Kingdom and on the circular band in

golden letters the words: "Je maintiendrai" and on the reverse side on the round shield a golden W capped by a golden Royal Crown, and bearing on the circular band the words: "God zij met ons" in golden letters.

For members of the Armed Forces the insignia shall have, instead of the laurel wreath, two silver swords with golden hilt, diagonally crossed below the round shield. The ribbon is orange between two Nassau-blue border lines, these two colours separated by a narrow white stripe.

Article 8

The insignia shall be:

For GRAND CROSSES:

an octangular silver star, bearing in the centre the round shield with the circular band on which appear the Lion and the words "Je maintiendrai", to be worn on the left breast and the insignia of the Order attached to a ribbon, one hundred and one millimetres wide to be worn as a sash from the right shoulder to the left waist.

The star intended for members of the Armed Forces shall moreover be provided with two diagonally crossed swords with golden hilt, below the round shield.

For GRAND OFFICERS:

a quadrangular silver star, bearing in the centre the round shield with the circular band on which appear the Lion and the words „Je maintiendrai", to be worn on the left breast and the insignia of the Order attached to a ribbon, fifty-five millimetres wide, to be worn around the neck. The star intended for members of the Armed Forces shall moreover be provided with two diagonally crossed silver swords with golden hilt, below the round shield.

For COMMANDERS:

the insignia of the Order attached to a ribbon, fifty-five millimetres wide, to be worn around the neck.

For OFFICERS:

smaller insignia of the Order attached to a ribbon, thirty-seven millimetres wide, to be worn in the left buttonhole, and a rosette on the ribbon.

For KNIGHTS:

insignia of the Order of the same size as those for Officers, but with crown, beaded points, the borders of the arms of the cross and laurel wreath of silver, to be attached to a ribbon, thirty-seven millimetres wide, to be worn in the left buttonhole.

Article 9

The medal of honour which may be conferred in bronze, silver and gold, is round, capped by a Royal Crown of the same metal as the medal, and shows on one side the cross of the Order, embellished, according to circumstances, with the laurel wreath or the crossed swords, on the reverse side a W with the legend "God zij met ons"; it shall be worn attached to the ribbon of the Order, twenty-seven millimetres wide, in the left buttonhole. The ribbon shall not be worn, however, without the medal.

Article 10

To defray the expenses of the Order, appropriations shall be made annually in the State Budget.

Article 11

The membership and insignia of this Order cannot be forfeited except in the case of an unrepealable sentence to imprisonment for a period of three years or more.

Article 12

The Chancellor of the Order of the Netherlands Lion shall equally be Chancellor of this Order.

Article 13

We reserve the right of determining provisions which We may feel to be desirable with respect to the enforcement of this Act.

Order and command that this shall be inserted in the Statute Book and enjoin upon all Ministerial Departments, Authorities, Bodies and Officials concerned to ensure the strict enforcement thereof.

Given at The Hague, on the 4th April 1892.

E M M A.

THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
VAN TIENHOVEN

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
SMIDT

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS
TAK VAN POORTVLIET

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE
PIERSON

Promulgated on the 26th April 1892

THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE
SMIDT.

ROYAL DECREE, No. 12, of 12 April 1923

According to the statutes of the Order of Orange-Nassau, the insignia thereof must be returned in the event of the death of a member or of his promotion to a higher class of the Order.

In the case of the death or promotion of a member of the Order residing in a foreign country, the insignia can be transmitted to one of the Netherlands Legations.

A D M I R A L H A R O L D R. S T A R K

Admiral,

After succeeding Admiral Leahy as Chief of Naval Operations in 1939, you were instrumental in the last stages of building and preparing the U.S. fleet for the world-wide struggle which then was casting its shadow over the world, while during the war, as Commander U.S. naval forces in Europe, your planning of naval operations for the landings in North Africa and Europe resulted in outstanding success and led to the liberation of the Netherlands.

Your kindness in making available part of the U.S. Navy camp at Roseneath in Scotland for the training of the Royal Netherlands Marines was a valuable contribution to the Netherlands cause.

It is because of all these untiring efforts that this award is presented to you.

I take very great pleasure in investing you with the insignia of Knight Grand Cross of the Order of Orange Nassau, with Swords, and I shall present to you a copy of the Royal Decree under which this award was made.

TRANSLATION

WE WILHELMINA, by the Grace of God,
Queen of the Netherlands, Princess of
Orange-Nassau etc., etc., etc.

5 September 1946
No. 32.

On the recommendation of Our Ministers for the Navy
and for Foreign Affairs, dated 12 August 1946, No.
PD 105/177/3/46;

HAVE APPROVED AND ORDERED:

To appoint

a KNIGHT GRAND CROSS of the Order of ORANGE-NASSAU

ADMIRAL HAROLD R. STARK, U.S.N.

To decree that the decoration of the Order shall
be worn with the swords.

Our Ministers for the Navy and for Foreign Affairs
are, each for his own part, in charge of the execution of
this Decree, copy of which shall be sent to the Chancellor
of the Netherlands Orders of Knighthood.

Het Loo, 5 September 1946

(sgd) W I L H E L M I N A.

For true copy
the Acting Director of the Cabinet
of the Queen,

(sgd) W.F. Rbell

For true extract,
The Chancellor of the Netherlands Orders,

(sgd) A.R. van den Bent

Major-General
Adjutant to Her Majesty the Queen

4068.

For true translation.



VICE CONSUL

WIJ WILHELMINA, BIJ DE GRATIE GODS,
KONINGIN DER NEDERLANDEN, PRINSES
VAN ORANJE-NASSAU, ENZ., ENZ., ENZ.

5 September 1946,
No. 32.

Op de voordracht van Onze Ministers van
Marine en van Buitenlandsche Zaken, van 12 Au-
gustus 1946, No.PD 105/177/3/46;

HEBBEN GOEDGEVONDEN EN VERSTAAN:

te benoemen tot R I D D E R G R O O T K R U I S
in de Orde van O R A N J E - N A S S A U :
Admiral

H A R O L D R. S T A R K U. S. N.

Te bepalen, dat de versierselen zullen worden ge-
dragen met de zwaarden.

Onze Ministers van Marine en van Buitenlandsche
Zaken zijn, ieder voor zoover hem betreft, belast
met de uitvoering van dit Besluit, waarvan af-
schrift zal worden verleend aan den Kanselier der
Nederlandsche Orden.

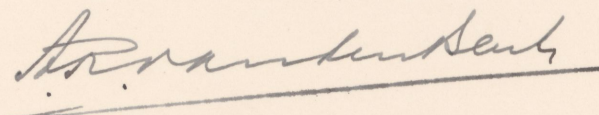
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De Minister van Marine,
(get.) J.J.A.Schagen v.Leeuwen.

De Minister van
Buitenlandsche Zaken,
(get.) W.v.Boetzelaer.

Accordeert met deszelfs Origineel,
de waarnemend Directeur
van het Kabinet der Koningin,
(get.) W.F. Röell.

Voor eensluidend afschrift,
De Kanselier der Nederlandsche Orden,



Generaal-Majoor b.d.
Adjutant i.b.d. van H.M. de Koningin.

Answered



The Hague, 20 January 1947
8 Lange Vijverberg

My dear Admiral,

With great pleasure I learned that Her Majesty the Queen conferred upon you the Grand Cross in the Order of Oranje Nassau.

Please accept my heartiest congratulations with this so well deserved honour.

We, the Royal Netherlands Navy, will always remember your cordial cooperation and the great friendship that so many of us experienced since our Navies became brothers of arms.

With kindest regards I remain,
Admiral,

Yours very sincerely

C.E.L. Helfrich
Admiral, C-in-C R.N.N.

Admiral Harold R. Stark

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NETHERLANDS EMBASSY
WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

October 8, 1947

Admiral Harold R. Stark, U.S.N. (Ret.)
4900 Glenbrook Road, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

My dear Admiral Stark,

I think you know that Her Majesty the Queen wishes to present to General Eisenhower as Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, in the name of the people of the Netherlands, a Sword of Honor.

I have been instructed to present this Sword to General Eisenhower on behalf of Her Majesty.

I have asked General Eisenhower at what date he would prefer that presentation to be made. General Eisenhower has indicated that Tuesday October 14, 1947, at 11.45 a.m. would be convenient to him.

The presentation will take place at my residence
2347 S. Street N.W.

I hope that you will find it possible to be present on that occasion, which will mark the comradeship in arms established during the war between the armed forces of the U.S.A. and of my country.

Believe me to remain with great regard,

Sincerely yours,

E. N. Van Kleffens

Netherlands Ambassador

NETHERLANDS EMBASSY
WASHINGTON 9, D. C.

*Netherlands
award*

No. 5187.

October 10, 1947.

My dear Admiral Stark,

I have the honor to refer to the letter of the Naval Attaché dated September 26, 1947, with which you were informed that Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina had appointed you a Knight Grand Cross in the Order of Orange Nassau.

As Captain Stam has already intimated I would deem it a privilege to make a personal presentation of the insignia of this award and I therefore extend to you and to a member of your family a cordial invitation to be present at a presentation ceremony on October 27, 1947, to take place at the Netherlands Embassy, 2347 S Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. at 12 o'clock. I hope that time and place will be convenient to you.

Believe me, my dear Admiral,

Very sincerely yours

E. N. van Kleffens

Netherlands Ambassador.

Admiral Harold R. Stark U.S.N.
Lake Carey Wyoming County, Penna.
Via Tunkhannock, R.D. 1.

Van Kleffens

Answered

*Order
award*

NETHERLANDS EMBASSY
BUREAU OF NAVAL ATTACHE
WASHINGTON, D. C.
ZONE 9

September 26, 1947

My dear Admiral Stark,

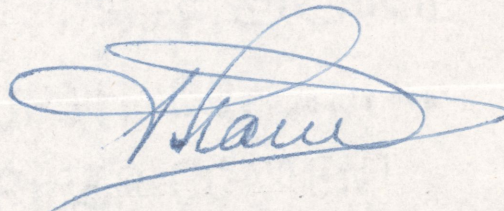
I take great pleasure in informing you that it has pleased Her Majesty Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands to bestow upon you the Order of Orange-Nassau with swords in the degree of Knight Grand Cross.

I deem it a privilege to be the first to congratulate you on the occasion of this award, which is meant to express the great appreciation of Her Majesty and the Netherlands Government for your valued services to the Netherlands cause during the recent war.

The Ambassador of the Netherlands, Dr. E.N. van Kleffens, would like to have the privilege of investing you personally. As soon as a date for this ceremony has been set I shall again communicate with you, in order to find out whether this will be convenient to you.

With the expression of my highest considerations, I beg to remain,

Respectfully yours,



Captain F. Stam, D.S.O., R.N.N.
Naval Attache

Admiral Harold R. Stark, U.S.N. (Ret.)
4900 Glenbrook Road, N.W.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

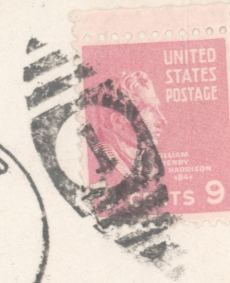
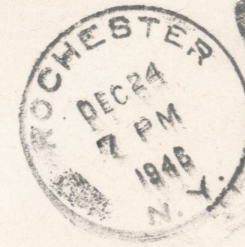
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My Mother (Lamb)

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