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**CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS  
 OF KNIGHTHOOD**

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The following list shows the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn, and is to be substituted for the list dated 28th April 1961. It in no way affects the precedence conferred by the Statutes of certain Orders upon the Members thereof.

**VICTORIA CROSS.||**

**GEORGE CROSS.||**

**BRITISH ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD, ETC.**

Order of the Garter.\*||

Order of the Thistle.\*||

Order of St. Patrick.\*||

Order of the Bath.||

Order of Merit†|| (immediately after Knights  
 Grand Cross of the Order of the Bath).

Order of the Star of India.||

Order of St. Michael and St. George.||

Order of the Indian Empire.||

Order of the Crown of India.‡||

Royal Victorian Order (Classes I, II and  
 III).||

Order of the British Empire (Classes I, II  
 and III).§||

Order of the Companions of Honour†||  
 (immediately after Knights and Dames  
 Grand Cross of the Order of the British  
 Empire).

Distinguished Service Order.||

Royal Victorian Order (Class IV).||

Order of the British Empire (Class IV).§||

Imperial Service Order.||

Royal Victorian Order (Class V).||

Order of the British Empire (Class V).§||

**NOTE.** The above applies to those Orders of similar grades. When the miniature or riband of a

\* These Orders are not worn in miniature and the ribands of the Orders are not worn with Undress Uniform.

† These Orders are not worn in miniature, but are worn round the neck on all occasions except with Service Dress and certain Orders of Undress Uniform.

‡ This Order is not worn in miniature.

§ See at the end of this list Note on awards for gallantry.

|| See at the end of this list Note on letters after the name.

higher grade of a junior Order is worn with that of a lower grade of a senior Order, the higher grade miniature or riband should come first, e.g., the miniature or riband of a K.B.E. will come before a C.B., and a G.C.M.G. before a K.C.B. The ribands of Orders, when the riband alone is worn, will be of the width of the ribands of the Membership of the Order. If there is no Membership Class the riband will be of the width of the riband of the Companionship of the Order.

**BARONET'S BADGE.|| ||** (The Badge is worn suspended round the neck by the riband in the same manner as the neck badge of an Order and takes precedence immediately after the Badge of the Order of Merit. It is not worn in miniature and the riband is not worn with Undress Uniform).

**KNIGHT BACHELOR'S BADGE.** (The Badge is worn after the Star of a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire. It is not worn in miniature and is not worn with Undress Uniform).

**Indian Order of Merit (Military).¶||**

**DECORATIONS.**

Royal Red Cross (Class I).||

Distinguished Service Cross.||

Military Cross.||

Distinguished Flying Cross.||

Air Force Cross.||

Royal Red Cross (Class II).||

Order of British India.||

Kaisar-i-Hind Medal.

Order of St. John.

Albert Medal.||

¶ The Indian Order of Merit (Military and Civil) is distinct from the Order of Merit instituted in 1902.

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**MEDALS FOR GALLANTRY AND DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT.**

Union of South Africa Queen's Medal for Bravery, in Gold.  
 Distinguished Conduct Medal.||  
 Conspicuous Gallantry Medal.||  
 George Medal.||  
 Queen's Police Medal, for Gallantry.  
 Queen's Fire Service Medal, for Gallantry.  
 Edward Medal.||  
 Royal West African Frontier Force Distinguished Conduct Medal.||  
 King's African Rifles Distinguished Conduct Medal.||  
 Indian Distinguished Service Medal.||  
 Union of South Africa Queen's Medal for Bravery, in Silver.  
 Distinguished Service Medal.||  
 Military Medal.||  
 Distinguished Flying Medal.||  
 Air Force Medal.||  
 Constabulary Medal (Ireland).  
 Medal for Saving Life at Sea.\*||  
 Indian Order of Merit (Civil).†||  
 Indian Police Medal for Gallantry.  
 Ceylon Police Medal for Gallantry.  
 Sierra Leone Police Medal for Gallantry.  
 Sierra Leone Fire Brigades Medal for Gallantry.  
 Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry.  
 British Empire Medal.‡||  
 Canada Medal.||  
 Queen's Police Medal, for Distinguished Service.  
 Queen's Fire Service Medal, for Distinguished Service.  
 Queen's Medal for Chiefs.  
**WAR MEDALS** (in order of date of campaign for which awarded).§  
**POLAR MEDALS** (in order of date).  
 Royal Victorian Medal (Gold, Silver and Bronze).  
 Imperial Service Medal.

\* The official Medal awarded previously on the recommendation of the Board of Trade, Minister of Shipping or Minister of War Transport and now on the recommendation of the Minister of Transport.

† The Indian Order of Merit (Military and Civil) is distinct from the Order of Merit instituted in 1902.

‡ Formerly the Medal of the Order of the British Empire for Meritorious Service; also includes the Medal of the Order awarded before 29th December, 1922. See at the end of this list Note on awards for gallantry.

§ Campaign Stars and Medals awarded for service during the First World War, 1914-1919, should be worn in the following Order:—1914 Star, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Mercantile Marine War Medal, Victory Medal, Territorial Force War Medal, India General Service Medal (1908) (for operations in Afghanistan, 1919). Campaign Stars and Medals awarded for service in the Second World War, 1939-1945, should be worn in the following order:—1939-1945 Star, Atlantic Star, Air Crew Europe Star, Africa Star, Pacific Star, Burma Star, Italy Star, France and Germany Star, Defence Medal, Volunteer Service Medal of Canada, War Medal 1939-1945, Africa Service Medal of the Union of South Africa, India Service Medal, New Zealand War Service Medal, Southern Rhodesia Service Medal, Australia Service Medal.

The order of wearing of the Africa General Service Medal (1902), India General Service Medal (1908), Naval General Service Medal (1915), General Service Medal (Army and Royal Air Force) (1918) and India General Service Medal (1936) will vary, and will depend upon the dates of participation in the relevant campaigns. A General Service Medal, 1962, was instituted by the Queen in 1964. A Pakistan General Service Medal was instituted by King George VI in 1951. A Sierra Leone General Service Medal was instituted by the Queen for award from 1961.

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**POLICE MEDALS FOR VALUABLE SERVICES.**

Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service.  
 Ceylon Police Medal for Merit.  
 Sierra Leone Police Medal for Meritorious Service.  
 Sierra Leone Fire Brigades Medal for Meritorious Service.  
 Colonial Police Medal for Meritorious Service.\*  
 Badge of Honour.

**JUBILEE, CORONATION AND DURBAR MEDALS.**

Queen Victoria's Jubilee Medal, 1887 (Gold, Silver and Bronze).  
 Queen Victoria's Police Jubilee Medal, 1887.  
 Queen Victoria's Jubilee Medal, 1897 (Gold, Silver and Bronze).  
 Queen Victoria's Police Jubilee Medal, 1897.  
 Queen Victoria's Commemoration Medal, 1900 (Ireland).  
 King Edward VII's Coronation Medal, 1902.  
 King Edward VII's Police Coronation Medal, 1902.  
 King Edward VII's Durbar Medal, 1903 (Gold, Silver and Bronze).  
 King Edward VII's Police Medal, 1903 (Scotland).  
 King's Visit Commemoration Medal, 1903 (Ireland).  
 King George V's Coronation Medal, 1911.  
 King George V's Police Coronation Medal, 1911.  
 King's Visit Police Commemoration Medal, 1911 (Ireland).  
 King George V's Durbar Medal, 1911 (Gold,† Silver and Bronze).  
 King George V's Silver Jubilee Medal, 1935.  
 King George VI's Coronation Medal, 1937.  
 Queen Elizabeth II's Coronation Medal, 1953.

King George V's Long and Faithful Service Medal.

King George VI's Long and Faithful Service Medal.

Queen Elizabeth II's Long and Faithful Service Medal.

**EFFICIENCY AND LONG SERVICE DECORATIONS AND MEDALS.**

Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Naval Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Medal for Meritorious Service.||.||  
 Indian Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (for Europeans of Indian Army).  
 Indian Meritorious Service Medal (for Europeans of Indian Army).  
 Royal Marine Meritorious Service Medal.  
 Royal Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.  
 Royal Air Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Indian Long Service and Good Conduct Medal (for Indian Army).  
 Royal West African Frontier Force Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

\* The holder of a Colonial Police Medal for Meritorious Service who is subsequently awarded a Bar to the medal for gallant conduct, should wear the Meritorious Service Medal and gallantry Bar, and the Meritorious Service riband with gallantry rose emblem in the order assigned to the Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry.

† King George V's Durbar Medal 1911, in Gold, can be worn in the United Kingdom only by those who received it as Ruling Chiefs of India.

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King's African Rifles Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Indian Meritorious Service Medal (for Indian Army).  
 Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Fire Brigade Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 African Police Medal for Meritorious Service.  
 Royal Canadian Mounted Police Long Service Medal.  
 Ceylon Police Long Service Medal.  
 Ceylon Fire Services Long Service Medal.  
 Sierra Leone Police Long Service Medal.  
 Colonial Police Long Service Medal.  
 Sierra Leone Fire Brigades Long Service Medal.  
 Colonial Fire Brigades Long Service Medal.  
 Colonial Prison Service Medal.  
 Army Emergency Reserve Decoration.||  
 Volunteer Officers' Decoration.||  
 Volunteer Long Service Medal.  
 Volunteer Officers' Decoration (for India and the Colonies).||  
 Volunteer Long Service Medal (for India and the Colonies).  
 Colonial Auxiliary Forces Officers' Decoration.||  
 Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long Service Medal.  
 Medal for Good Shooting (Naval).  
 Militia Long Service Medal.  
 Imperial Yeomanry Long Service Medal.  
 Territorial Decoration.||  
 Efficiency Decoration.||  
 Territorial Efficiency Medal.  
 Efficiency Medal.  
 Special Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Reserve.||  
 Decoration for Officers of the Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.||  
 Royal Naval Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Royal Naval Auxiliary Sick Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Royal Fleet Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Royal Naval Wireless Auxiliary Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.  
 Air Efficiency Award.  
 Queen's Medal (for Champion Shots of the New Zealand Naval Forces).  
 Queen's Medal (for Champion Shots in the Military Forces).  
 Queen's Medal (for Champion Shots of the Air Forces).  
 Cadet Forces Medal.  
 Coast Life Saving Corps Long Service Medal.\*  
 Special Constabulary Long Service Medal.  
 Canadian Forces Decoration.||  
 Royal Observer Corps Medal.  
 Civil Defence Long Service Medal.  
 Union of South Africa Commemoration Medal.  
 Indian Independence Medal.†

\* Formerly known as the Rocket Apparatus Volunteer Long Service Medal and awarded on the recommendation of the Board of Trade, the Minister of Shipping or Minister of War Transport and now on the recommendation of the Minister of Transport.

† Instituted by King George VI to commemorate the constitutional change which resulted in the independence of India on 15th August, 1947.

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Pakistan Medal.  
 Ceylon Armed Services Inauguration Medal.  
 Ceylon Police Independence Medal (1948).  
 Sierra Leone Independence Medal.  
 Jamaica Independence Medal.  
 Uganda Independence Medal.  
 Malawi Independence Medal.  
 Service Medal of the Order of St. John.  
 Badge of the Order of the League of Mercy.  
 Voluntary Medical Service Medal.  
 Women's Voluntary Service Medal.  
 South African Medal for War Services.  
 Colonial Special Constabulary Medal.

OTHER COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS' ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS (instituted since 1949, otherwise than by The Sovereign) and awards by the States of Malaysia and the State of Brunei.\*

FOREIGN ORDERS (in order of date of award).†

FOREIGN DECORATIONS (in order of date of award).†

FOREIGN MEDALS (in order of date of award).†

#### NOTE ON AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY; ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE AND BRITISH EMPIRE MEDAL.

Appointments to, or promotions in, the Order of the British Empire and awards of the British Empire Medal, granted after 14th January 1958, for gallantry, are so described, and a silver oak leaf Emblem is worn on the riband. When the riband only is worn the Emblem is worn in miniature. Classification of an award as made for gallantry has no effect on seniority or precedence in the various Classes of the Order. A person appointed to the Order after 14th January 1958, for gallantry, and subsequently promoted in the Order, retains and wears the Emblem whether promoted for gallantry or otherwise. A holder of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry, granted since 14th January 1958, if subsequently appointed to the Order, continues to wear the Emblem on the riband of the Medal and wears the Emblem also on the riband of the Order only if appointed to the Order for gallantry.

On the riband of the British Empire Medal for Gallantry, the Gallantry Emblem is worn above any Bar which may have been granted, and when ribands are worn alone the Gallantry Emblem is worn farther from the left shoulder than any silver rose Emblem denoting the award of a Bar.

#### NOTE ON LETTERS AFTER THE NAME.

All those Honours, Decorations and Medals marked || in the list above entitle the holders to use the appropriate letters after the name. These groups of letters should be shown in the same order as the order of wear, subject to the following exceptions, marked ||.

The letters "Bart." or "Bt." are shown directly after the surname before all other letters after the name.

The Medal for Meritorious Service only carries a right to letters after the name if it was awarded in the Navy before 20th July 1928.

\* With the exception that in the presence of the President, Ruler or Head of State of the Member country whose Government made the award, provided he is in that country, or on official occasions in that country as may be prescribed by the Government thereof, the following full-sized insignia of Orders, viz. Collars, Shoulder Ribands, Stars and Neck Badges may be worn in front of all other awards; in either circumstances in the relative order of wear of the country whose Government made the award.

† These awards may be worn only when The Sovereign's permission has been given.

**NOTE ON MENTIONS IN DESPATCHES, KING'S COMMENDATIONS AND QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS.**

**MENTION IN DESPATCHES, 1914-1919.**

The Emblem of bronze oak leaves denoting a Mention in Despatches during the First World War, 1914-1919, is worn on the riband of the Victory Medal. The award of this Emblem ceased as from 10th August 1920.

**MENTION IN DESPATCHES, 1920-1939.**

The single bronze oak leaf Emblem, if granted for service in operations between the two World Wars, is worn on the riband of the appropriate General Service Medal. If a General Service Medal has not been granted, the Emblem is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands.†

**MENTION IN DESPATCHES, 1939-1945.**

The single bronze oak leaf Emblem signifying in the armed Forces and the Merchant Navy, either a Mention in Despatches, a King's Commendation for brave conduct, or a King's Commendation for valuable service in the air, if granted for service in the Second World War, 1939-1945, is worn on the riband of the War Medal, 1939-1945. If the War Medal has not been granted, the Emblem is worn directly on the coat, after any Medal ribands.†

**MENTION IN DESPATCHES, 1945, AND SUBSEQUENTLY.**

The single bronze oak leaf Emblem, if granted for service in operations after the cessation of hostilities in the Second World War, is worn on the riband

of the appropriate General Service or Campaign Medal. If such Medal has not been granted, the Emblem is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands.†

The single bronze oak leaf Emblem is also used in the Forces to denote a King's or Queen's Commendation for brave conduct or a King's or Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the air granted since the cessation of hostilities in the Second World War.

**KING'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT, 1939-1945, AND SUBSEQUENTLY; QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT, 1952, AND SUBSEQUENTLY.**

The Emblem of silver laurel leaves granted to civilians, other than those in the Merchant Navy, to denote a King's Commendation for brave conduct during the Second World War, 1939-1945, is worn on the riband of the Defence Medal. When the Defence Medal has not been granted or the award is for services subsequent to the war, the Emblem of silver laurel leaves is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands.†

**KING'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR, 1939-1945, AND SUBSEQUENTLY; QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR, 1952, AND SUBSEQUENTLY.**

The oval silver Badge granted to denote a civil King's Commendation or Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the air is worn on the coat immediately below any Medals or Medal ribands,† or in civil air line uniform, on the panel of the left breast pocket.

† If there are no Medal ribands, the Emblem is worn in the position in which a single riband would be worn.

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