- ⁱ These Orders are not worn in miniature and the ribands of the Orders are not worn with Undress Uniform.
- ⁱⁱ 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.
- ⁱⁱⁱ This Order is not worn in miniature.
- ^{iv} See Note above on awards for Gallantry.
- ^v The Indian Order of Merit (Military and Civil) is distinct from the Order of Merit instituted in 1902.
- ^{vi} 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 Note above on awards for Gallantry.
- ^{vii} Holders of this Medal who are subsequently awarded a Bar to the Medal for gallant conduct should wear the Medal and gallantry Bar, and the Meritorious Service riband with gallantry rose Emblem in the order assigned to the Colonial Police Medal for Gallantry.
- viii This Medal in Gold may be worn in the United Kingdom only by those who received it as Ruling Chiefs of India.
- ^{ix} For Europeans of the Indian Army.
- ^x For the Indian Army.
- ^{xi} First known as the Rocket Apparatus Volunteer Long Service Medal and later as the Coast Life Saving Corps Long Service Medal.
- xii Only awards made prior to June 1947 when the League's Royal Charter was surrendered.
- xiii Orders instituted by The Sovereign as Head of State of the Commonwealth Country are worn in date of award.
- xiv Instituted since 1949, otherwise than by The Sovereign, and awards by the States of Malaysia and the State of Brunei, worn in date of award. These awards may only be worn when The Sovereign's permission has been given.

FURTHER NOTES

FOREIGN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

The general rule is that non-British insignia should be worn after all British Orders, decorations and medals and in the order of the dates on which they were conferred. When, however, insignia are being worn on occasions specifically connected with the donor country, pride of place should be given to the insignia of that country. Foreign awards may only be worn when The Sovereign's permission has been given.

MENTIONS IN DESPATCHES

- 1914-19: The Emblem of bronze oak leaves denoting a Mention in Despatches during the First World War, 1914-19, is worn on the riband of the Victory Medal. The award of this Emblem ceased from 10th August 1920.
 1920-39: The single bronze oak leaf Emblem, if
- 1920-39: 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 the General Service Medal has not been granted, the Emblem is worn directly on the coat

after any Medal ribands♦.

1939-45:

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, 1939-45, 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♦.

- 1945-93: 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 Service General or Campaign Medal. If such a 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 Armed 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.
- 1993 and The single silver oak leaf Emblem for gallantry in active operations from 3rd September 1993, if awarded for services in a theatre for which a campaign medal or a clasp has been granted, is worn on the riband of the appropriate medal. If the award is made for services out of theatre or in a theatre for which no campaign medal or clasp has been granted the Emblem is to be worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands♦.

KING'S COMMENDATIONS AND QUEEN'S COMMENDATIONS

KING'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT (1939-52); QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVE CONDUCT (1952-94)

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, 1939-45, 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 is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands♦.

QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVERY (1994 AND SUBSEQUENTLY)

The Emblem of silver laurel leaves granted to a civilian is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands \blacklozenge . When the Emblem is granted to Armed Forces personnel it should be worn in a similar manner to that described above for Mentions in Despatches (1993 and subsequently).