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ORDER OF WEAR

### CENTRAL CHANCERY OF THE ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD

St James's Palace, London SW1

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The following list shows the order in which Orders, Decorations and Medals should be worn in the United Kingdom, certain countries of the Commonwealth and in Overseas Territories. It incorporates the Decorations and Medals instituted since 2003 and should be substituted for the list dated 14th March 2003. This list in no way affects the precedence conferred by the Statutes of certain Orders upon Members thereof. See the notes towards the end of the list for guidance about letters after the name for those awards indicated with an asterisk.

**VICTORIA CROSS\*** 

### **GEORGE CROSS\***

### BRITISH ORDERS OF KNIGHTHOOD, ETC

Order of The Garter\*1

Order of The Thistle\*1

Order of St Patrick\*1

Order of The Bath\*

Order of Merit\*<sup>2</sup> (immediately after Knights and Dames Grand Cross of the Order of The Bath)

Order of The Star of India\*

Order of St Michael & St George\*

Order of The Indian Empire\*

Order of The Crown of India\*3

Royal Victorian Order\* (Class I (GCVO), Class II (KCVO), Class III (CVO))

Order of the British Empire\* (Class I (GBE), Class II (KBE), Class III (CBE))

Order of The Companions of Honour\*<sup>2</sup> (immediately after Knights and Dames Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire)

Distinguished Service Order\*

Royal Victorian Order\* (Class IV ( LVO))

Order of The British Empire\* (Class IV (OBE))4

Imperial Service Order'

Royal Victorian Order\* (Class V (MVO))

Order of the British Empire\* (Class V (MBE))<sup>4</sup>

NOTE: The above applies to Orders of similar grades. When the miniature or riband of a 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, eg, the miniature or riband of a K.B.E. would come before a C.B. and a G.C.M.G. would come before a K.C.B. The ribands of Orders, when the riband is worn alone, will be of the width of that of a Member of the Order. If there is no fifth Class the riband will be of the width of that of a Companion of the Order.

BARONET'S BADGE\*. (The Badge is worn suspended round the neck from the riband in the same manner as the Neck Badge of an Order. It 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).

KNIGHTS BACHELOR'S BADGE. (The Badge is worn suspended round the neck from the riband in the same manner as the neck badge of an Order. It takes precedence immediately after the Badge of a Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire). A breast star (private purchase) may also be worn.

Indian Order of Merit (Military)\*5

# DECORATIONS, MEDALS FOR GALLANTRY AND DISTINGUISHED CONDUCT

Conspicuous Gallantry Cross (CGC)\* Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)\* Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (CGM)\* Conspicuous Gallantry Medal (Flying) (CGM)\* George Medal (GM)\* Royal West African Field Force Distinguished Conduct Medal (DCM)\* Queen's Police Medal for Gallantry (QPM)\* Queen's Fire Service Medal for Gallantry (QFSM)\* Royal Red Cross Class I (RRC)\* Distinguished Service Cross (DSC)\* Military Cross (MC)\* Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC)\* Air Force Cross (AFC)\* Royal Red Cross Class II (ARRC)\* Order of British India (OBI)\* Kaiser-i-Hind Medal Order of St John Union of South Africa Queen's Medal for Bravery (Gold) King's African Rifles Distinguished Conduct Medal\* Indian Distinguished Service Medal (IDSM)\* Union of South Africa Queen's Medal for Bravery (Silver) Distinguished Service Medal (DSM)\* Military Medal (MM)\* Distinguished Flying Medal (DFM)\* Air Force Medal (AFM)\* Constabulary Medal (Ireland) Medal for Lifesaving at Sea (Sea Gallantry Medal)\* Indian Order of Merit (Civil)\*5 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\* Overseas Territories Police Medal for Gallantry Queens Gallantry Medal (QGM)\* Royal Victorian Medal (Gold, Silver and Bronze) (RVM)\* British Empire Medal\*6 (BEM) Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service\*(QPM) Queen's Fire Service Medal for Distinguished Service\*(QFSM) Queen's Ambulance Service Medal\* (QAM) Queens Volunteer Reserves Medal\* (QVRM) Queen's Medal for Chiefs

### **BADGE OF HONOUR**

### CAMPAIGN MEDALS AND STARS

Including any authorised United Nations, European Community/Union and NATO medals in order of date of campaign for which awarded.

Medals of the two world wars are worn in the following order; **WW1:** 1914 Star, 1914-15 Star, British War Medal, Mercantile Marine War Medal, Victory Medal, Territorial Force War Medal **WW2:** 1939-1945 Star, Atlantic Star, Arctic Star, Air Crew Europe Star, Africa Star, Pacific Star, Burma Star, Italy Star, France & Germany Star, Defence Medal, Canada Volunteer Service Medal, Newfoundland Volunteer War Service Medal, War Medal, Africa Service Medal, India Service Medal, New Zealand War Service Medal, Southern Rhodesia Service Medal, Australian Service Medal

POLAR MEDALS (in order of date of award)

### IMPERIAL SERVICE MEDAL

### POLICE MEDALS FOR VALUABLE SERVICE

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\*<sup>7</sup> Overseas Territories Police Medal for Meritorious Service

#### JUBILEE, CORONATION AND DURBAR MEDALS

Queen Victoria's Jubilee Medal 1887 Queen Victoria's Police Jubilee Medal 1887 Queen Victoria's Jubilee Medal 1897 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 King Edwards VII's Police Medal 1903 (Scotland) Kings Visit Commemoration Medal 1903 (Ireland) King George V's Coronation Medal 1911 King George V's Police Coronation Medal 1911 King's Visit Commemoration Medal 1911 (Ireland) King George V's Durbar Medal 1911 (Gold,<sup>8</sup> 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 Queen Elizabeth II's Silver Jubilee Medal 1977 Queen Elizabeth II's Golden Jubilee Medal 2002 Queen Elizabeth II's Diamond Jubilee Medal 2012 Royal Household Long & Faithful Service Medal

### EFFICIENCY AND LONG SERVICE DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

Meritorious Service Medal Accumulated Campaign Service Medal Accumulated Campaign Service Medal 2011 Army Long Service Good Conduct Medal Naval Long Service Good Conduct Medal Medal for Meritorious Service (Royal Navy 1918-1928)\* Indian Long Service and Good Conduct Medal<sup>9</sup> Indian Meritorious Service Medal9 Royal Marines Meritorious Service Medal (1849-1947) Royal Air Force Meritorious Service Medal (1918-1928) Royal Air Force Long Service & Good Conduct Medal for Long Service & Good Conduct (UDR) Indian Long Service & Good Conduct Medal<sup>10</sup> Royal West African Frontier Force Long Service & Good Conduct Medal Royal Sierra Leone Military Forces Long service & Good Conduct Medal Kings African Rifles Long Service & Good Conduct Medal Indian Meritorious Service Medal<sup>10</sup> Police Long Service & Good Conduct Medal Fire Brigade Long Service & 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 Fire Brigades Long Service Medal Colonial Police Long Service Medal Overseas Territories Police Long Service Medal Sierra Leone Police Long Service Medal Sierra Leone Fire Brigade Long Service Medal Mauritius Police Long Service & Good Conduct Medal Mauritius Fire Service Long Service & Good Conduct medal Mauritius Prisons Service Long Service Medal Colonial Fire Brigades Long Service Medal Overseas Territories Fire Brigades Long Service Medal Colonial Prison Service Medal Overseas Territories Prison Service Medal Hong Kong Disciplined Services Medal Army Emergency Reserve Decoration (ED)\* Volunteer Officers Decoration\* Volunteer Long Service Medal Volunteer Officer's Decoration (For India & the colonies) Volunteer Long Service Medal (for India & 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 (TD)\*

Ceylon Armed Service Long Service medal 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 Medal Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve Long Service Medal Royal Naval Auxiliary Sick Berth Reserve Long Service Medal Royal Fleet Reserve Long Service and Good Conduct Medal Royal Naval Wireless Auxiliary Reserve Long Service Medal Royal Naval Auxiliary Service medal Air Efficiency Award (AE)\* Volunteer Reserves Service Medal Ulster Defence Regiment Medal\* Northern Ireland Home Service Medal Queen's Medal (for champion shots of the Royal Navy & Royal Marines) 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 Coastguard Auxiliary Service Long Service Medal<sup>11</sup> Special Constabulary Long Service Medal Canadian Forces Decoration\* Royal Observer Corps Medal Civil Defence Long Service Medal Ambulance Service (Emergency Duties) Long Service & Good Conduct Medal Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service Medal Prison Service (Operational Service) Long Service and Good Conduct Medal Jersey Honorary Police Long Service and Good Conduct Medal Merchant Navy Medal for Meritorious Service<sup>12</sup> Ebola Medal for Service in West Africa National Crime Agency Long Service and Good Conduct Medal Rhodesia Medal 1980 Royal Ulster Constabulary Service Medal Northern Ireland Prison Service Medal Union of South Africa Commemoration Medal Indian Independence Medal Pakistan Independence Medal Ceylon Armed Forces Inauguration Medal Cevion Police Independence Medal (1948) Sierra Leone Independence Medal Jamaica Independence Medal Uganda Independence Medal Malawi Independence Medal Fiii Independence Medal Papua New Guinea Independence Medal Solomon Islands Independence Medal Service Medal of The Order of St John Badge of The Order of The League of Mercy<sup>13</sup> Voluntary Medical Service Medal Women's Royal Voluntary Service Medal South African Medal for War Services Colonial Special Constabulary Medal

# COMMONWEALTH REALM'S ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

In date of award (if authorised to be accepted and worn).

# OTHER COMMONWEALTH MEMBERS ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

In date of award (if authorised to be accepted and worn). Includes awards of The States of Malaysia and the State of Brunei. Republic of South Africa UNITAS Medal positioned in this section in date of award.

### FOREIGN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

In date of award (if authorised to be accepted and worn). MFO Sinai falls in this area. NATO MSM positioned in this section in date of award.

#### NOTES

# NOTES ON AWARDS FOR GALLANTRY IN THE ORDER OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE

Appointments to, or promotions in, the Order of the British Empire and awards of the British Empire Medal, granted between 6 December 1957 and 19 June 1974, 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 between 6 December 1957 and 19 June 1974, for gallantry, and subsequently promoted in the Order, retains and wears the insignia of the lower Class with the emblem in addition to the insignia of the higher Class whether promoted for gallantry or otherwise. A holder of the British Empire Medal for gallantry, granted between 6 December 1957 and 19 June 1974, if subsequently appointed to the Order, continues to wear the emblem on the riband of the Medal. On the riband of the British Empire Medal for gallantry, the emblem is worn above any Bar which may have been granted, and when ribands are worn aloe the emblem is worn farther from the left shoulder than any silver rose emblem denoting the award of a Bar.

### NOTES ON LETTERS AFTER THE NAME

All those honours, decorations and medals marked with an asterisk (\*) in the list above entitle the holder 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:

- (a) Baronet's Badge the letters 'Bart.' or 'Bt.' are shown directly after the surname before all other letters after the name.
- (b) Medal for Meritorious Service the right to letters after the name applies only if it was awarded in the Navy before 20 July 1928.
- (c) Air Efficiency Award and Ulster Defence Regiment Medal the right to letters after the name applies only when awarded to officers.

#### FURTHER NOTES

## WEARING ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE

Only those honours, decorations and medals which an individual has been authorised to wear by The Sovereign may be worn in uniform. As a general rule this also applies when wearing civilian clothes. Medals should not be worn on the right hand side with the following exceptions:

Royal Humane Society Medals Stanhope Gold Medal RNLI Medals Order of St John of Jerusalem Life Saving Medal

### HOLDERS OF MILITARY AND CIVIL DIVISION AWARDS

Those individuals who hold both Military and Civil Division Awards in the same Order of Chivalry wear both pieces of Insignia and if at the same level the first awarded is worn first.

### FOREIGN ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS

The general rule is that non-British insignia should be worn after those of all British Orders, Decorations and Medals in the order of the dates on which they were awarded, with Orders coming first, Decorations second and Medals third within relevant categories. When, however, insignia are being worn on occasions specifically connected with the awarding country, pride of place should be given to the insignia of that country. Commonwealth and foreign Orders, Decorations and Medals awarded to UK citizens are consider honorary in the United Kingdom. These awards may only be worn when The Sovereign's permission has been glven. No title associated with any Commonwealth or Foreign Order may be used in the United Kingdom. The Sovereign may give permission for post nominals to be used if appropriate.

#### 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 ceases from 10th August 1920.

**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<sup>14</sup>.

**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<sup>14</sup>.

**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 General Service or Campaign Medal. If such Medal has not been granted, the Emblem is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands.14 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 subsequently:** 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.<sup>14</sup>

#### 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 Kings' 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.<sup>14</sup>

# QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVERY (1994 AND SUBSEQUENTLY)

The Emblem of silver laurel leaves granted to civilians is worn on a piece of material (red) directly on the coat after any Medal ribands<sup>14</sup>. When the Emblem<sup>15</sup> 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).

#### KING'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR (1939-52); QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE IN THE AIR (SINCE 1952-94)

The oval silver badge granted to denote a civil Kings' Commendation or Queen's Commendation for valuable service in the air is worn on the coat immediately below any Medals or Medal ribands<sup>14</sup> or, in civil air line uniform, on the panel of the left breast pocket<sup>14</sup>. If there are no Medal ribands, the emblem is worn in the position in which a single riband would be worn.

# QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR BRAVERY IN THE AIR (1994 AND SUBSEQUENTLY)

The Silver Eagle Emblem granted to civilians is worn directly on the coat after any Medal ribands14. When the Emblem15 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).

# QUEEN'S COMMENDATION FOR VALUABLE SERVICE (1993 AND SUBSEQUENTLY)

The Emblem of silver oak leaves should be worn in a similar manner to that described above for Mentions in Despatches (1993 and subsequently).

### **ENDNOTES**

<sup>1</sup> These Orders are not worn in miniature and the ribands of the Orders are not worn with Undress Uniform.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> This Order is not worn in miniature.

<sup>4</sup> See notes above on awards for Gallantry.

<sup>5</sup> The Indian Order of Merit (Military and Civil) is distinct from the Order of Merit instituted in 1902.

<sup>6</sup> 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 foot notes above on awards for Gallantry.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> This medal in Gold may be worn in the United Kingdom only by those who received it as Ruling Chiefs of India.

<sup>9</sup> For Europeans of the Indian Army.

<sup>10</sup> For the Indian Army.

<sup>11</sup> First known as the Rocket Apparatus Volunteer Long Service Medal and later as the Coast Life Saving Corps Long Service Medal.

<sup>12</sup> Since 2014.

 $^{\mbox{\tiny 13}}$  Only awards made prior to June 1947 when the League's Royal Charter was surrendered.

<sup>14</sup> If there are no Medal ribands, the Emblem is worn in the position in which a single riband would be worn. If an emblem worn directly on the jacket is obscured when wearing full-sized medals, the Emblem may be worn on a stiffened ribbon suspended from the end of the medal bar – the colour of the ribbon to be the same as the jacket.

<sup>15</sup> Up to 3 Level 4 Emblems of any type may be worn on a single medal and on the associated ribbon. They have an order of MiD, QCB, QCBA, QCVS.



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